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## Nazis Manoeuvring Against Holland

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. Will Mr. Churchill's message to the neutrals be understood? Such is the question political circles are asking, as many indications point to the possibility of Germany

attempting to seize the northern part of Holland to obtain air bases against Britain. Extremely discreet but important troop movements are taking place on the German frontier with Holland and

Luxemburg, and large-scale measures are being taken to bring reinforcements and supplies on those two lines. Political circles in London believe that if Germany repeats her invasion of a neu-

tral country, she will probably strike at Holland and will spare Belgium for the moment, in order to avoid challenging the powerful and well-trained Belgian army.

The Belgians, it is true, would probably help the Netherlands but their action in northern Holland would be much less efficacious than if based upon their own fortresses. — Havas.

# ALLIED ARMY FOR NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

WHILE THE ALLIED Fleets and air armadas are working in the closest co-operation and are attacking German forces in and off Norway, the despatching of an Allied expeditionary force is expected in the near future, if it has not already been sent.

Circumstantial reports indeed have been received, ostensibly from Norwegian circles in Stockholm, announcing that British troops have already landed at points in the Oslo Fjord and near Narvik.

No authoritative details are yet forthcoming regarding the two major naval actions in progress, but the atmosphere in the French and British Admiralty quarters is highly cheerful.

## ROYAL PALACE BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Fears for the safety of King Christian of Denmark have been aroused by reliable reports which have trickled out of Copenhagen.

It is confirmed that the Germans tried to enter the Royal Palace, where King Christian is still in residence.

The Palace guard resisted, and severe fighting followed.

Nothing is known of the result and of the fate of Denmark's monarch.

The Nazis apparently wished to seize King Christian as a hostage; a similar attempt to capture King Haakon of Norway failed.

All information now reaching Lon-

The Allied objectives are: Firstly, to destroy German naval units which, for the first time since the beginning of the war, have dared to leave their bases;

Secondly, to wipe the German forces out in Norway and to destroy their transport and supply ships, and

Thirdly, to prevent Germany sending reinforcements either through the North Sea or the straits.

### Strategic Assets

The operations are rendered easier by the fact that British air bases are only 200 miles away from the Norwegian shore.

It is believed here that the Allied strategy will compel the Germans to make a desperate attempt to send supplies and reinforcements to their troops in Norway through Sweden, despite the complete insufficiency of this route. — Havas.

### Stockholm Report

Stockholm, To-day.

According to authoritative Norwegian circles here, British forces are understood to have effected a landing a short distance south of Narvik and

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## FLIGHT INTO SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Thousands of refugees are arriving in Sweden from Norway and Denmark, most of them in small fishing-smacks.

After the pitiful migration of Finnish war refugees, Sweden once again is witnessing the tragic sight of civilians fleeing from an invader, abandoning their homes and belongings.

Many Norwegians are crossing the land frontier in the mountainous regions. — Havas.

## NAZIS RAZE TOWN

### Bombers Seek Out King And Government

Stockholm, To-day.

Nybergsund is reported to have been completely destroyed by German bombing which lasted an hour.

A report that the Norwegian Royal Family and Government were there during the attack, is denied.

It is learned from a reliable source that the Royal Family and Government had already left. — Reuter.

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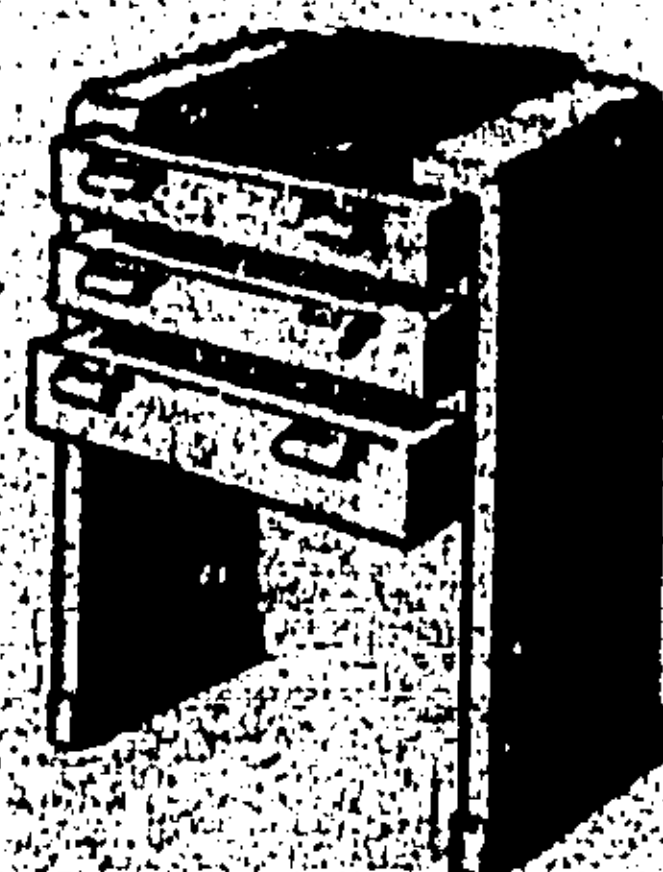
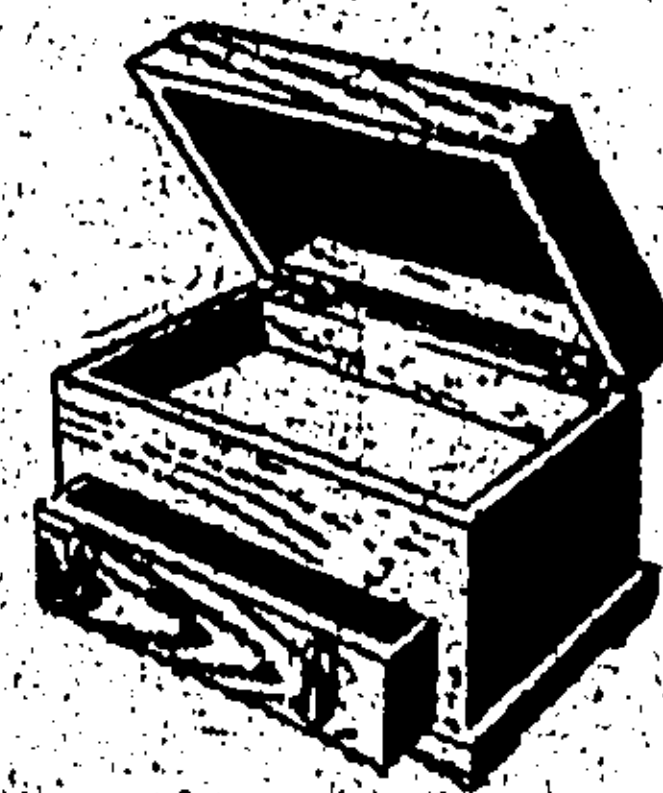
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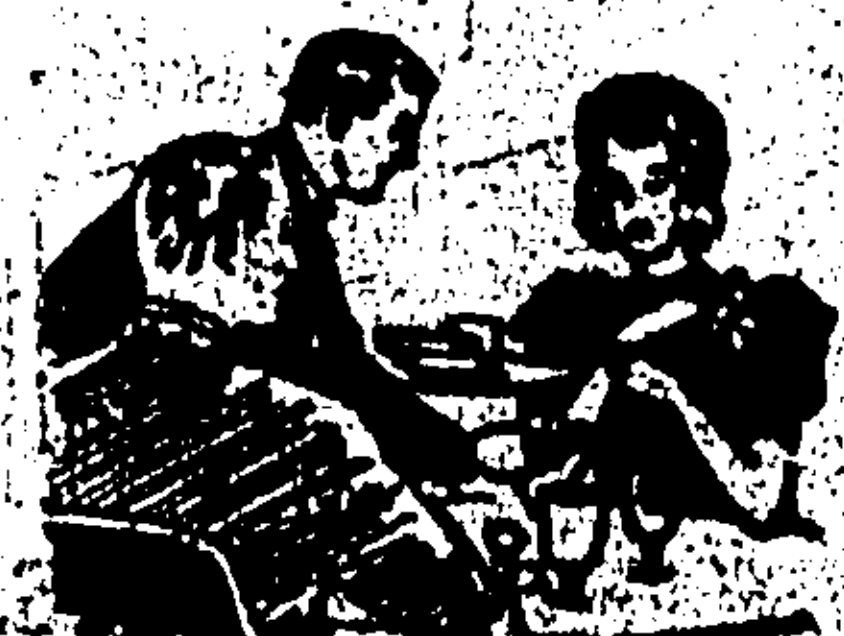
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# GERMANS LOSE 19 PLANES SINCE SUNDAY

London, To-day.

AN AIR MINISTRY STATEMENT says that since the early morning of Sunday, the R.A.F. has been engaged in intensive operations against the enemy.

Bombing attacks were carried out on enemy naval units in the North Sea on Sunday, and on Tuesday a German cruiser off Bergen was bombed and sunk.

All day Tuesday, the R.A.F. was engaged in reporting the positions of enemy units in Norwegian waters, and on Wednesday long-range fighters raided Norwegian aerodromes occupied by the enemy; at least three enemy planes were destroyed in the latter operations.

In addition to the 19 Nazi planes shot down by the R.A.F. since Sunday, a message from Paris yesterday morning reported that French fighters had shot down two German machines.

To date, the total of German planes brought down around the coast of Britain totals 65 since the beginning of the war; in addition, 15 others were so badly damaged that it is unlikely that they managed to get home.—Reuter.

## CHINESE ADVANCE ON NANCHANG

Siushui, To-day.

The Chinese advance on Nanchang continues.

One column has reached Shangtang, to the south, while two have made their way to the eastern and western outskirts.—Central News.

## NORWAY APPOINTS C.-IN-C.

Stockholm, To-day.

It is reported here that General Otto Ruge has been appointed Norwegian Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

## RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE

Moscow, To-day.

Russia has fully connived at Germany's brutal invasion of Denmark and Norway—this is the conclusion to be drawn from a broadcast by "Radio Moscow" of a lengthy article appearing in the paper "Izvestia," official organ of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R.

The article is pro-German, but leaves Russia where she was before, showing that she has no more disposition than before to run any risks for German interests.—Reuter.

## NAVAL MAN FINED

Leonard Traylor (18), British naval rating was this morning given the option of a fine when Mr. H. G. Sheldon reviewed the case in which he pleaded guilty to theft of a jacket, wallet and cigarette case, the property of Mr. T. A. Hudson, from Room 28, Seamen's Institute, last Monday.

Mr. Sheldon said he had accepted the view that liquor was probably the cause of his behaviour. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## NEW FRENCH ARMY COMMANDER IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Col. Le Casseville, commanding French forces in China, is leaving for France in the near future; he will be replaced by Col. Eyssauter, who recently arrived in Shanghai.

Col. Casseville is well-known in China, where he first served in the late 20's as military attaché. He is the author of several highly valued books on modern China.—Havas.

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# BERLIN'S ALIBI DISCREDITED IN AMERICA

New York, To-day.

THE "BOSTON POST," commenting on the Nazi invasion of Scandinavia, says: "The attempted alibi of Berlin that the move was dictated by the British spreading of mines off the Norwegian coast is the flimsiest sort of pretext."

The paper considers the move one of desperation, revealing that Germany is harder hit by the blockade than was suspected.

The "Providence Journal" declares: "If anything was needed to demonstrate the justice of the war the Allies are waging on Germany, Hitler's invasion of Denmark and Norway provides it."

Johannes Steel, the radio commentator, said: "It is safe to say now that Hitler has walked into a brilliantly laid trap."

"The action of the British Fleet shows that the decisive spirit of Nelson is not dead. The British naval showing is in keeping with the higher traditions of British naval power."

## GREENLAND'S FUTURE

The "New York Times" says: "The future of Greenland must excite the keenest interest both in Canada and this country, and the ample harbours of its deep southern fjords suggest uncomfortable strategic possibilities."

"The Danes have been good administrators and no North American can be indifferent to the question of their immediate successors."

The journal's editorial says: "The Allies are hitting back and hitting hard."

"The Nazi navy is not what the Kaiser's was, although air power now adds an unpredictable factor."

"Whatever the outcome of the furious combats at sea, it is plain that the fighting spirit of Nelson and Beatty has not deserted the Royal Navy."

## BLOW AT WEAKEST POINT

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says: "The Allied reaction has been both swift and violent, and was directed with an accuracy which leads one to ask whether the surprise was really as complete as it seemed on Tuesday."

"The German plan appeared to be succeeding at all points in the course of the day; however, the British have struck what seems to have been a heavy blow at the weakest point in the whole German scheme—the water communications over the Skagerrak."

"The German plan has not succeeded. The Allies have flung themselves at its weakest points with a vigour which seems to show that they are fighting for their lives."

## NO NEUTRAL SAFE

The "Pittsburg Post-Gazette" says: "A neutral nation, no matter what its sympathies or how cautious its attitude, cannot be safe in Europe while the Nazis retain a vestige of power."

"It may be argued that the British mining of Norwegian territorial waters was equally a violation of neutral rights. There is a vast difference, however, between this action, accompanied by warnings to safeguard non-belligerents, and deliberate occupation of a nation by undeclared warfare."

"England admittedly was guilty of a breach of technical rights under international law, but she acted in defending herself against the Nazis, who have broken every known law governing the relations of nations, seizing territory, bombing civilians, sinking numerous ships without allowing crews and passengers to escape, and destroying by torpedoes and mines many neutral vessels with the loss of men and women."

"If England has not lived up to the letter of the law, how many will blame her for what and how she finds it necessary to do in a war against the most barbaric regime the world has seen?"—Reuter.

## SOUTH AFRICA TO TRAIN AIRMEN

Capetown, To-day.

The Premier, General Smuts, announced yesterday in the House of Assembly that the British Government had accepted the Union Government's invitation to train British airmen in South Africa.

The British would bring their own machines and instructors. — Reuter.

## DORNIER SHOT DOWN IN 35 SECONDS

London, To-day.

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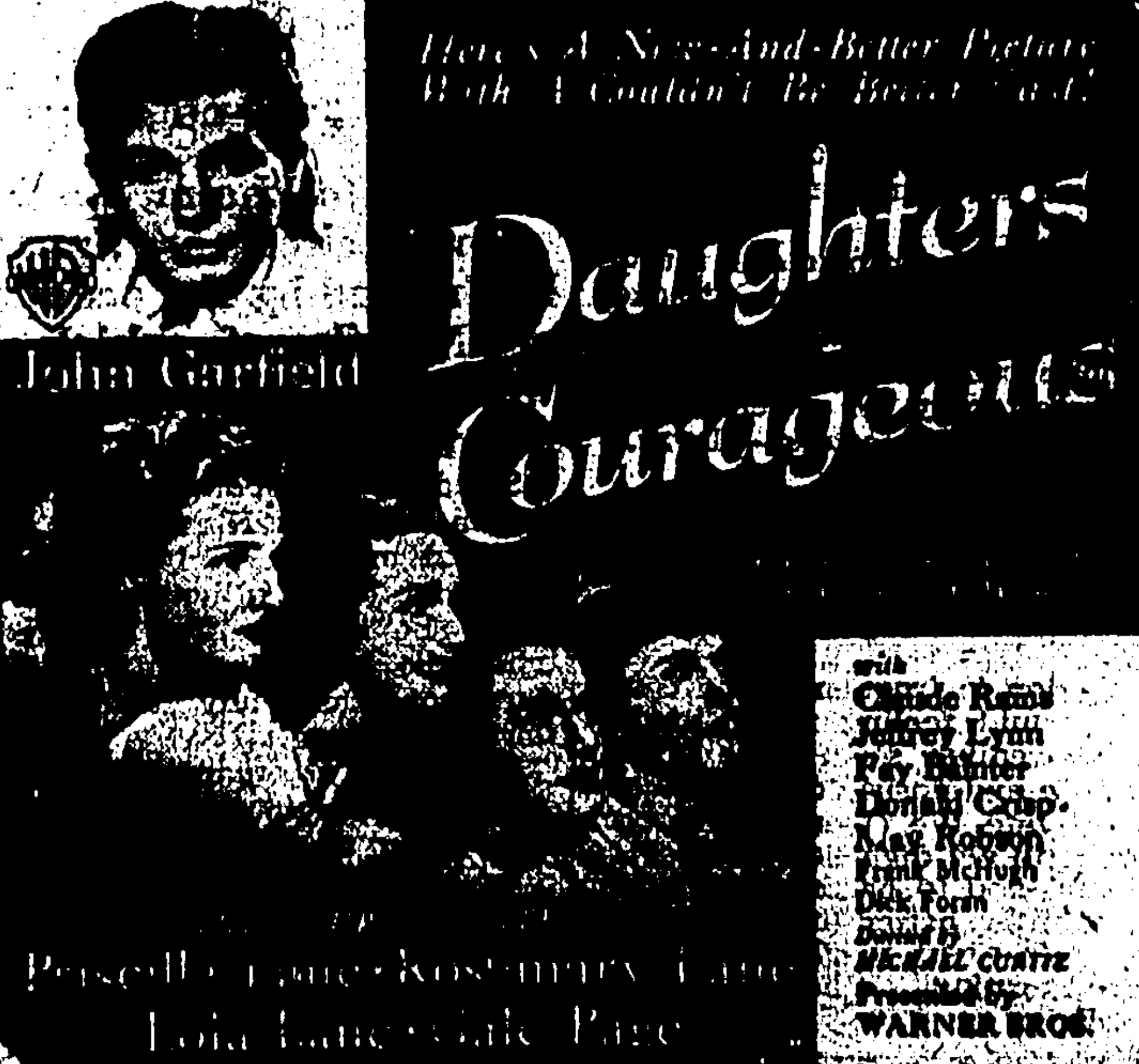
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# HOLLAND ON ALERT

*Measures Taken Against All Eventuality*

## TROOPS TAKING UP DEFENCE POSITIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**Amsterdam, To-day.**  
THE AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING very important defence measures along the German border in order to prepare Holland for any eventuality. In several small towns in the vicinity of the border, hospitals and schools have been evacuated. Motor traffic in the Limburg district was stopped altogether and barracks erected at strategic points.

Telephone communications were interrupted last night for several hours.

Particular care has been taken as regards the country's defence against air raids and large numbers of anti-aircraft guns recently purchased from abroad, namely Italy, are being placed in position.

The general impression is that the defence measures taken during the past few days exceed those enforced last November when the country was first threatened by the Reich.—Havas.

### On Qui Vive

London, To-day.

The Low Countries are fully on the qui vive.

In Holland, anxiety over Germany's latest invasions has grown no less and new defence measures were ordered on Wednesday night. Troops are taking up defence positions everywhere.

Belgium is equally determined and a communique issued following the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday reaffirms the country's independence and neutrality.

Military leave has been cancelled but it is denied that there is any question of general mobilisation.—Reuter.

### Barrages Placed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Preparations are being rushed in Holland to meet any eventuality.

Frontier towns on the German border, and schools and hospitals in the vicinity, have been evacuated.

Roads and ports are being rigorously watched.

Barrages have been placed at strategic points, and explosives attached to them, ready for action.

Telephone communication was interrupted yesterday for several hours in various frontier sectors.—Havas.

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## BELGIUM TO RESIST INVASION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Belgium is determined to maintain complete neutrality and to resist an attempt at invasion.

Such, according to well-informed sources, was the position outlined by the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, to diplomats, including the British, French and United States envoys, who visited him yesterday.

Meanwhile, the War Minister, General Denis, told the press that Belgian neutrality would be respected. The army was mobilised and considerable defence works carried out.

General Denis concluded: "Should an invader contemplate action against our country, the facts will prove that passage through Belgium is impossible." — Havas.

## SOVIET GIVEN SHARP SHOCK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Soviet circles are apparently shocked by the occupation of Narvik, of which they were not informed beforehand.

Swedish correspondents emphasise Russia considers Norway, or at least the northern part, as lying in her own zone of interest, although for the moment she is probably satisfied with what she has gained in Finland and does not intend any further advance north-westward.

Several newspapers point to the unusual length of the conversation between the German Ambassador in Moscow and Foreign Commissar Molotov. The conference, it is now known, lasted four hours.

However, the "Aftonbladet" reports that despite the Soviet announcement of neutrality, heavy concentrations of Soviet troops have been witnessed on the Finnish border and the Soviet Arctic Fleet is ready for action.—Havas.

## SCENE OF LATEST NAZI ATTACK



## PETSAMO WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Navigation in the Arctic Ocean off the Finnish coast, in the vicinity of Petsamo, is extremely dangerous, the Finnish authorities declare in a warning to shipping.

The announcement makes clear that numerous mines laid by the Russians during the war have not yet been removed.—Havas.

## OPTIMISTIC TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

All sections of the Stock Exchange sharply advanced yesterday on the growing confidence of investors, which was reflected in the increased volume of enquiries.

This revealed extreme reluctance to sell on the part of holders, and consequently the market closed strong.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

## HOLLAND HIGHLY EXCITED

Amsterdam, To-day.

Reports of great naval battles off the Norwegian coast have created high excitement in Holland, the general impression being that the Allies are winning notable successes.

There is widespread relief over the action of the British Fleet, one Dutchman remarking to Reuter "Britain is indeed energetically fulfilling her role of champion of small neutrals."

This feeling was reflected in the strength of Sterling, which rose 20 points on the foreign exchange market from the previous day's rate of 6.54 gulden.

News that Britain has taken steps to buy extra quantities of Dutch dairy produce has led to an increase in the prices of butter and eggs.—Reuter.

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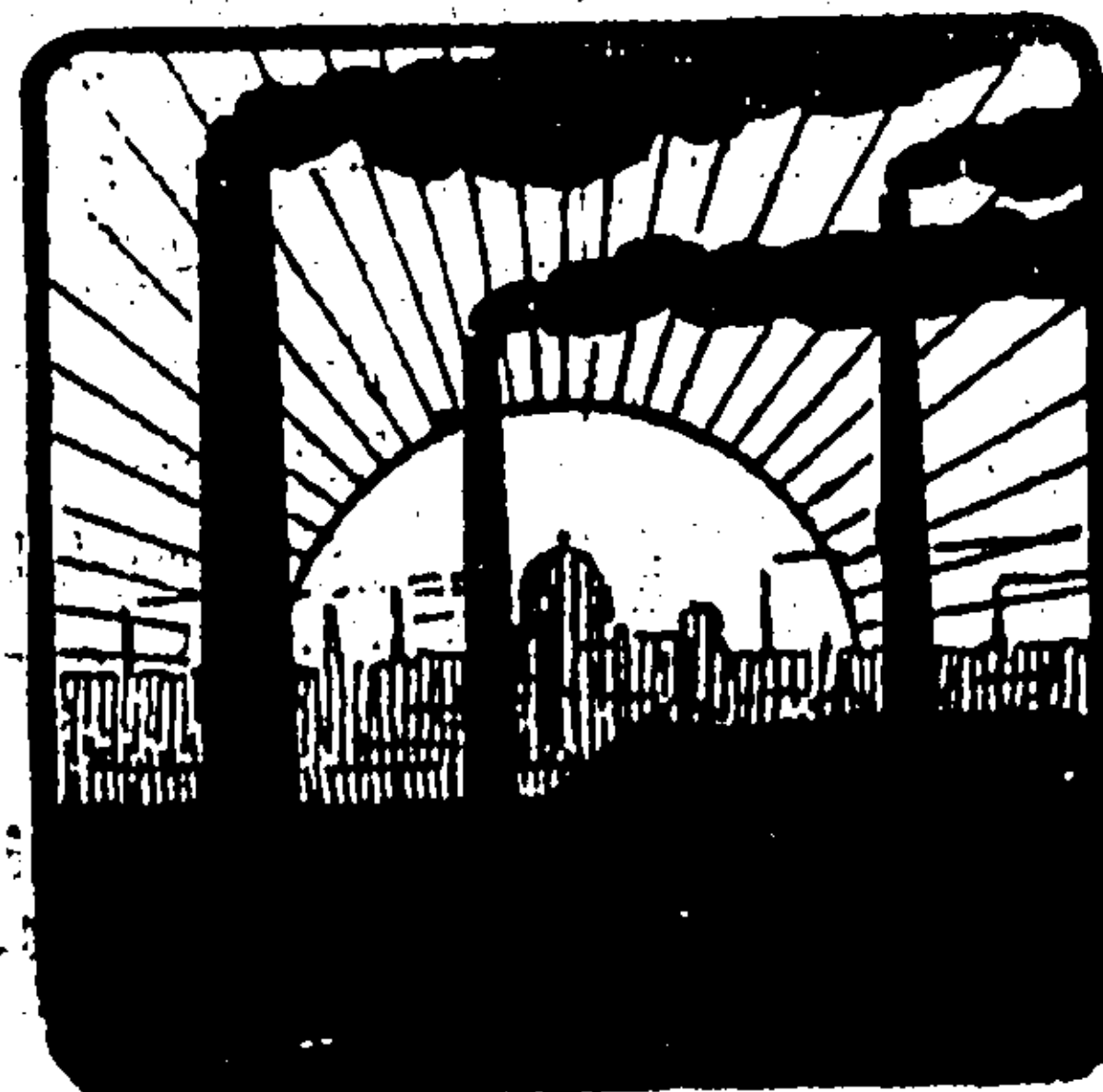
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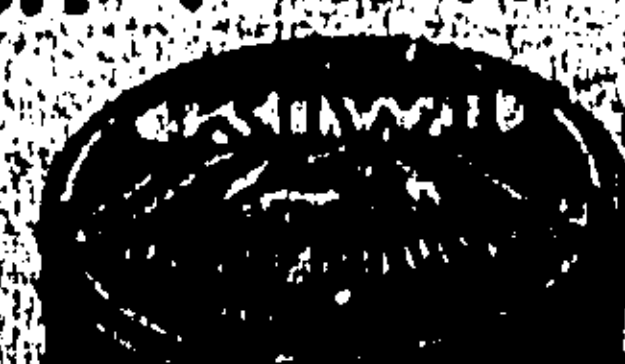
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# In Important Respects, Says Mr. Churchill NAZI FLEET IS CRIPPLED

## HITLER CASTING THE DIE

The very recklessness with which Hitler and his advisers have cast the fate of the German Navy upon the wild waters may be only the prelude of far larger events which impend on land. We have probably arrived at the first crunch of the war."  
—Mr. Churchill.

## MILITARY ATTACHE TOOK OVER!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The German military attache in Oslo took command of German mechanised units which left Oslo in an attempt to take Elverum and seize by surprise the Government and Parliament, declared an important personality who has just arrived in Sweden after witnessing events in Norway.

He added the Norwegian reserve troops were not yet organised but units of the small standing army had put up organised resistance and spontaneous partial mobilisation had been organised by military cadets and workers' organisations.

Setting an ambush at a strategic point in difficult terrain, the Norwegians stopped the German advance after 30-minutes of fighting, during which the German commander was killed and the Nazi troops sustained very heavy losses. Norwegian casualties were very light. — Havas.

## SHELL RIGHT THROUGH "RENOVN"

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill revealed in the House of Commons yesterday that during the action between H.M.S. Renown and the 26,000-ton German battle-cruiser Scharnhorst, an unexploded shell passed right through H.M.S. Renown at about the water level.

The Scharnhorst broke off the action and escaped with her greater speed after she had been twice hit by salvoes.—British Wireless.

## SHANGHAI OPTIMISTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

An optimistic trend prevails in the Allied community here despite the absence of precise news from Europe.

More significant than reticent political statements is the fact that the Pound-U.S. Dollar crossrate went up, sending the Chinese dollar up as a result.—Havas.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"THE GERMAN FLEET, IN IMPORTANT PARTICULARS, IS CRIPPLED," DECLARED MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, AMID CHEERS, DURING HIS SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY ON THE NAVAL BATTLES OFF THE NORWEGIAN COAST.

Mr. Churchill, referring to the Narvik attack, declared: 'From all we had heard late on Tuesday night at the Admiralty we thought the operations so hazardous that at one in the morning we told the commander of the destroyer flotilla he must be the sole judge whether to attack or not, and we would support him whatever he did and whatever happened. (Cheers)

"He entered the fjord with five destroyers and attacked six enemy destroyers and such guns as they could have landed on the shore in the interval.

"His report at the beginning only told us what they had lost. I let it go out because I do not think we want to be mealy-mouthed on these matters. Having embarked on this war we expect to take our blows."

"As soon as the report was received at about 1 o'clock, I prepared it for the Prime Minister, who immediately gave it to the House of Commons and to the country and the press at the same time.

### The Best Propaganda

"The moment we get any news, good or bad, once we can rely on it, we shall present it to Parliament and to the Prime Minister and the press."

"I am all for propaganda and publicity but the best propaganda is results, and I must say I think these are coming to hand in no unsatisfactory manner. (Cheers)

"We were told that on their way back our destroyers met the Nazi ship Ravenfeld, filled with reserve ammunition, with which I suppose the enemy had intended to turn Narvik into a kind of Sebastopol or Gibraltar. "This ship was blown up and we must regard that as simplifying the task which lies ahead.

### Thanks To R.A.F.

"On Wednesday a very determined attack was made by two waves of the Royal Air Force, whose flying in every direction for reconnaissance, attack and protection of the Navy has been unceasing, and to whom, on behalf of their naval comrades, I tender my most sincere expression of recognition."

"Two waves of the R.A.F., of 12 planes each, attacked two German cruisers in Bergen Fjord which were covering German troops that had been landed there. One of the cruisers was hit and we have seen nothing of her since."

"At dusk on Wednesday evening the Fleet Air Arm flew from the Orkneys and attacked the remaining cruiser in Bergen, securing three hits with their 500-lb. bombs."

### Trondheim Attack

"Of 16 planes, 15 returned and, a little later, when a reconnaissance was sent over, no cruiser was seen where this one was lying but only a long streak of oil about a mile long on the surface of the harbour."

"To-day at daybreak, torpedo-carrying aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, 18 in number, attacked enemy ships in the harbour at Trondheim."

"We had hoped to capture a Hipper class cruiser which was reported to be there but she had left in the night and all we got was a destroyer which was hit by a torpedo."

Mr. Churchill said that, in very much smaller forces, the German navy had already sustained most grievous losses.

The Norwegian batteries had also taken toll.

He considered Hitler had committed a strategic error in extending the war so far north and forcing the Scandinavian peoples out of their attitude of neutrality.

Four German cruisers—nearly half their total pre-war strength and more than their existing in cruisers—had been sunk, and a number of German destroyers and several more U-boats had been destroyed, all since Sunday.

British submarines had taken heavy toll of German transport and store ships.

### All Ships Will Be Sunk

"All German ships in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat will be sunk, and by night all ships will be sunk as opportunity occurs."

"We are not going to allow the enemy to supply their armies across these waters with impunity."

"Hitherto nearly a dozen ships, some of large tonnage, have been sunk or captured, either in the Kattegat or other parts of the North Sea, and in attempting to bring supplies to the force landed at Narvik."

"I must consider the German fleet crippled in important respects."

Mr. Churchill felt the audacious and costly operations of the German navy might be only the prelude to far larger events which impend on land, "but we feel ready to encounter the utmost malice of the enemy and devote all our life strength to achieving victory which is in the world cause."

### Faroe Occupied

Mr. Churchill added that Britain had occupied the Faroe Islands, which was a strategic point of high importance, and where the population had shown every disposition to receive them with high regard.

The islands would be handed back to Denmark at the end of the war. The question of Iceland needed further consideration but no Ger-

## SURVIVORS OF "GHURKA" IN SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

Survivors of the destroyer Ghurka, sunk in the Nazi air attack on the Fleet off Norway, landed at a Scottish town yesterday and were entertained by the inhabitants.

They stated they kept firing the guns until the water was level with the deck.

Seventy German prisoners were also landed under guard.—Reuter.

## REPRESSIVE MEASURES IN DENMARK

London, To-day.

Reports from Denmark indicate that the unhappy population is being subjected to further repressive measures by the Nazis.

The Danish people are not allowed to buy more than four days' supply of food. All private cars must be off the road by 7 p.m. Oil-burning trains have been put out of service. All Danish newspapers have ceased publication.

Some 6,000 A.R.P. wardens have been mobilised to enforce the black-out.

The restrictions on private cars, and the stopping of the oil-burning trains cannot improve Germany's oil position, because Denmark has to import so much oil to keep things going; last year, she used 700,000 tons of oil.

The Allied blockade will, of course, stop all further shipments, so that whatever oil Denmark now gets will have to come from Germany. Germany has, therefore, actually weakened her oil position by invading Denmark and Norway.—Reuter.

AS IN REICH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Truly German conditions have been imposed upon the Danish populations with the imposition in Denmark of restrictions which already prevail in the Reich.

Danes are prohibited from using motorcars for private purposes and purchases of foodstuffs are limited to "amounts sufficient to cover one's needs," according to the official German news agency. — Havas.

## SWEDEN MINES ON WEST COAST

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Admiralty announce that mines have been laid in Swedish territorial waters on the west coast.—Reuter.

man would be allowed to set foot there with impunity.—Reuter.

### Wild Gamble

Mr. Churchill put first among the advantages Hitler's wild gamble has bestowed on the Allies the fact that "this accursed corridor is now closed for ever."

In this way, Hitler had doubled the efficiency of the Allied blockade.

Further he had made a whole series of commitments upon the Norwegian Coast for which he would have to fight, if necessary, during the whole summer, for by violating the independence and soil of Norway he had enlisted against him a whole people capable of maintaining in a large, wild, mountainous country—full of positions where free men could shelter and fight—and with British and French aid, prolonged resistance.—British Wireless.



# THE TIDE TURNING

## Recovering From Initial Surprise Of Nazi Attack

### Stiff Battle Outside Elverum

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Amsterdam, To-day.

ALTHOUGH THE SWIFTESS and surprise of the German action against Norway give the Reich's landing troops some advantage the tide now seems to be turning in favour of the Norwegians and the Allies, according to latest reports from Norway.

A stiff battle took place between Norwegian and German troops five kilometres outside Elverum when Germans were made prisoners.

Many forts along the Oslo Fjord are still in Norwegian hands and are firing upon German troop transports.

#### ABSENCE OF NEWS

Berne, To-day.

Listeners on the German Radio yesterday morning were struck by the absence of any news on the developments of operations in Norway and the position of German detachments in North Norway is apparently entirely cut off from Berlin.

The name of the Norwegian puppet Nazi "Quisling" government is no more mentioned.

The German Radio admits that there is Norwegian resistance. — Havas.

#### HAMAR BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Semi-official sources confirm the report that a fight is raging north of Hamar. They add the troops making a stand there probably belong to the Trondheim division, which is 12,000 strong. — Reuter.

#### BERGEN RETAKEN

Stockholm, To-day.

According to latest reports the town of Bergen is now in Norwegian hands, though the fortresses and the mouth of the harbour are held by the Germans. — Reuter.

#### Mobilisation Proceeds

Stockholm, To-day.

A Norwegian communique reads: "Mobilisation of Norwegian troops is proceeding methodically throughout the country, the defence of which is being organised as men come in."

"German troops which tried to advance towards Elverum were repulsed near Eidsvold."

"The Norwegian General Staff has taken defence measures in the interior of the whole province of Westlandet. At Bergen the Norwegian defence has been organised and there is reason to believe the German troops there have been checked. This also applies to Troendelag."

#### Oslo Fighting

"The fortifications in the outer Oslo Fjord were still resisting on Wednesday evening."

"The German troops which advanced towards Elverum were commanded by the German air attacks in Oslo. They evidently planned to capture the Norwegian Parliament and Government."

"At the moment our defence is not organised in this region but a detachment of Norwegian soldiers was hastily concentrated and reinforced by military labour corps men, members of the rifle club and cadets. When the Germans approached they encountered heavy fire and were driven back after a half hour engage-

### NORWAY'S SOCIALIST RALLY CALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Norwegian socialist trade unions and the Labour party have appealed to the population to fight for liberty against the barbarous methods of the Nazis.

"Men and women of Norway!" runs the appeal. "We must save the freedom of our country."

"Our nation and fundamental liberties are in danger. If the Germans and the Quisling government succeed in controlling Norway, the workers' movement will be crushed and we will be enslaved."

"Our legal Government enjoys our full confidence and we gladly join the country's defence." — Havas.

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#### Brilliant Exploit

"The Norwegian detachment carried out a brilliant exploit. The commander of the German troops was killed and their other losses were probably heavy. Two Norwegians were wounded. — Reuter."

#### Norway Confident

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian troops fighting north of Oslo are holding their own and are capable of checking the German forces as long as the enemy gets no reinforcements, information from Norwegian field headquarters indicates. — Havas.

#### German Claims

Berlin, To-day.

Germany claims to be holding Norway firmly in her grip, and official circles state that further negotiations are expected between the Reich Government and King Haakon to "clear up German Norwegian relations." — Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

A German High Command bulletin announces the "extension and consolidation of German positions in Norway," and the strengthening of preparations to meet any Allied attacks.

According to the same communique, Norwegian commanders in Oslo have declared their readiness to co-operate in air defence measures against Allied attacks. — Reuter.

### GERMANS HOPED TO SEIZE KING

Stockholm, To-day.

It is reported here that the Germans were ordered to secure the person of King Haakon of Norway at all costs but failed. — Reuter.

### NARVIK COMMANDER ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Colonel Sundlo, the local Norwegian commander at Narvik, is now under arrest—by order of the Norwegian Commander-in-Chief in Northern Norway.

Colonel Sundlo, who is an old crony of Quisling, head of the puppet government at Oslo, took it upon himself to get into touch with the Germans who landed at Narvik.

The Norwegian Commander-in-Chief, immediately he learned of this, ordered the arrest of Colonel Sundlo, instructing a Major to take over command, resist the Germans, await reinforcements and establish contact as soon as possible with the British.

The Norwegians have now cut the railway and are fighting the Germans not far from the Swedish border. — Havas.

### NORWAY'S GOVT. AT NEW SEAT

Stockholm, To-day.

An official Norwegian announcement states: "The Government is at its new seat and has organised the administration of the State. Loyal officials should await orders."

"Mobilisation continues according to plan. Announcements on the Oslo radio, which is now in German hands, that mobilisation has been revoked, are false." — Reuter.

N. E. OF ELVERUM

London, To-day.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Norwegian Government is now in a town north-east of Elverum, 10 miles from the Swedish border, and that King Haakon is still in Elverum. — Reuter.

#### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone covers the Pacific to the south-east of Japan, and pressure remains moderately high in South China.

A depression appears to be forming over Mongolia. A shallow depression to the east of Formosa is moving slowly westward.

Mr. G. H. Shaw, of the China Light and Power Company, driving in Bulkeley Street, at 7 p.m. yesterday, knocked down a Chinese. He appeared to be not injured and refused to go to hospital.

### NORWEGIAN TRAITOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE PUPPET QUISLING GOVERNMENT IN NORWAY HAD BEEN PREPARED A LONG TIME AGO, RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHING HERE FROM NORWAY SHOWS.

Especially importance is attached to the fact that apparently Quisling's followers played a major part in the seizure of strategic points, especially Narvik harbour. — Havas.

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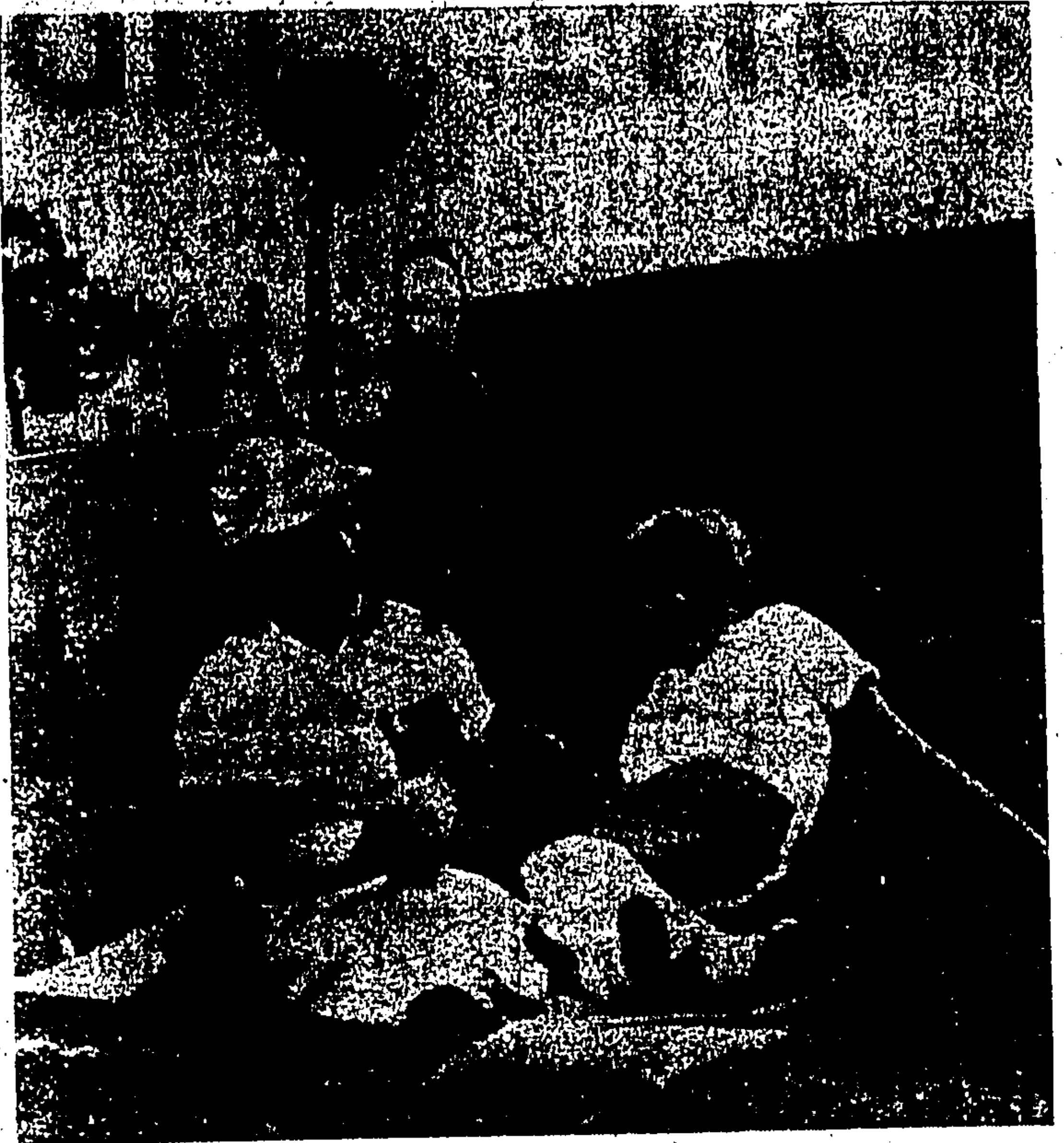
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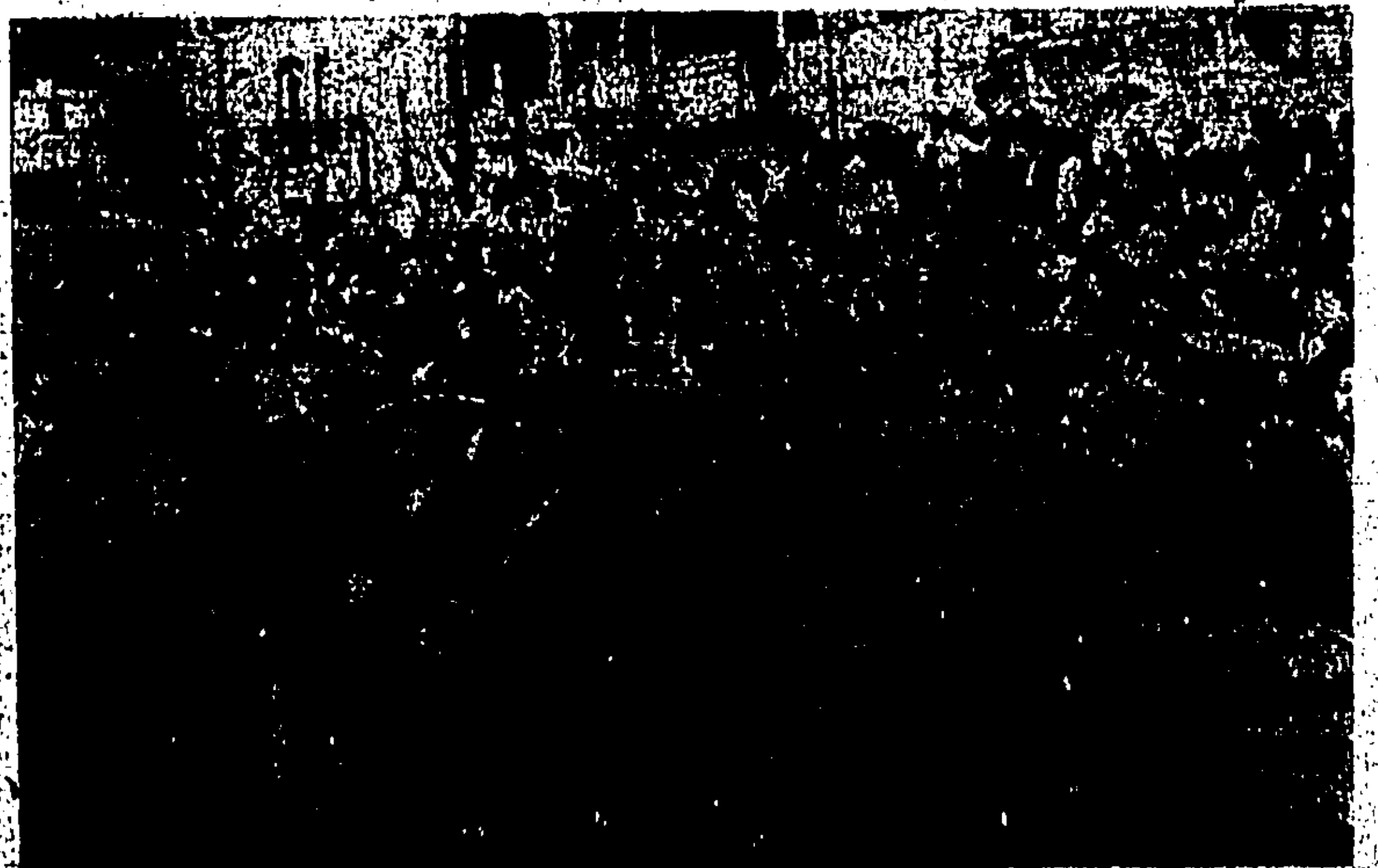
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An action picture taken last Sunday during the International soft-ball game between Britain and China.



Miss Cheng Po-chun in action during the Chun Kwong Girls School sports at Caroline Hill.



Spectators at the Annual Inspection of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade last Monday at Causeway Bay.



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# JAPANESE FLOUNDER

## Badly Outmanoeuvred In Shanghai Election

### Rumourings Of Trouble To Come

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, To-day.

**THE ATTEMPTED Japanese "blitzkrieg" through the local polls yesterday floundered without approaching its objective—the election of five Japanese for the Shanghai Municipal Council.**

The "Anglo-Saxon" front turned out to the polls en Bloc and elected the seven approved British and American candidates by majorities of between 2,800 and 2,600; the Japanese thus obtain only their usual two seats.

Final results, which were released during the night, are as follows:—

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| N. F. Allman (American)      | 8,000 |
| J. W. Carney (American)      | 7,998 |
| W. J. Keswick (British)      | 7,883 |
| G. A. Haley (British)        | 7,869 |
| T. B. Powell (British)       | 7,860 |
| Roderick MacDonald (British) | 7,831 |
| G. E. Mitchell (British)     | 7,830 |
| V. Hanawa (Japanese)         | 5,211 |
| M. Den (Japanese)            | 5,205 |

The defeated candidates were I. Okamoto (5,203), J. Kuroda (5,188), O. Okamoto (5,187) and the "dark horse," Ronald G. MacDonald, who stood as independent candidate, at the tail of the list with 325 votes, showing the degree of his unpopularity in all quarters.

Total vote polled during the two days constitutes the largest in the history of Shanghai, vivid evidence of the concerted efforts made by all except Japanese quarters to prevent increased Japanese influence in Council affairs.

Total ballots cast were 13,098, and 98 votes were invalid.

#### Japanese Charge

Since Wednesday the general feeling in all quarters was that the Japanese would be unable to increase their representation on the Council, and already yesterday the Japanese press was charging that "the action of British residents in trying to suppress Japanese ratepayers at the elections by taking advantage of the authority of the S.M.C. has given rise to much indignation in various circles."

The entire Japanese press alleged that insufficient accommodation was provided by the Council for voters but wisely forgot to add that, provided the allegations were well founded, this state of affairs had similar detrimental results for foreign voters.

The results of the elections were only known shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, and hundreds of telephone calls were received in newspaper offices throughout the night.

#### Shanghai Smiling

This indicated the tremendous interest focused on the elections in all quarters, and everyone this morning went to office with a smile on their faces, partly due to the European war news and partly to the election results which were not entirely unexpected by people conversant with the local state of affairs.

How the Japanese will take this beating is still unknown, though judging from precedents in other matters, it is not believed unlikely that some action from them will be forthcoming.

#### Rumours Spread

Rumours in the last few days have indicated that a blockade was likely in the event of a Japanese defeat, while others believed the Japanese were likely to claim irregularity in the voting.

None of these rumours have yet been substantiated. — Our Own Correspondent.

## JAPANESE PLANNING TO BUILD UP NEW CHINESE NAVY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

**WHILE CHUNGKING'S NAVY is now restricted to gunboats on the upper Yangtse, the Japanese are building a new Chinese navy for the occupied areas.**

This is shown by the recent launching of the new gunboat "Nanking" and the announcement of the "central naval academy of the republic of China."

The academy is located in Nantao, the Shanghai suburb. Future admirals will start as cadets and will receive training for two years during which they will get a monthly salary of \$12.

Upon graduation they will be sent on board training ships as midshipmen, getting \$40 a month, after which they will be promoted to the rank of ensign. The entrance tests include, besides

oral and physical examinations, written papers on Chinese history and literature, the geography of East Asia, mathematics, physics, Japanese and English. — Havas.

#### VISITOR VICTIMISED

Mr. F. T. Rogers, of the "Philippine Free Press," in Pedder Street yesterday, was robbed of a fountain pen valued at \$40.

#### GERMAN CLAIMS

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency claims two more British destroyers were sunk in the naval action west of Narvik Fjord.

It also claims that strong German reinforcements have been landed at Oslo, Bergen and Stavanger. — Reuter.

## NORWEGIAN SHIPS TO "CARRY ON"

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE NORWEGIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL ALL NORWEGIAN OCEAN-GOING STEAMERS NOW IN SHANGHAI WILL CONTINUE THEIR SERVICES ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, SAYS THE "SIN WAH PAO."

The Norwegian steamer Anchi will leave Shanghai for Hong Kong on Saturday, and other Norwegian coastal steamers will continue their usual routes, the report adds.

Since the detention of Norwegian steamers by the Hong Kong Government authorities, who have refused to issue clearance papers, no fresh instructions have been received by local

## CHUNGKING BUILDING JUNK FLEET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

One of the oldest known craft, the Chinese junk, is undergoing a process of modernisation.

Hundreds of these vessels of an improved type are being built by a number of Szechuen river shipyards under the auspices of the Ministry of Communications, with a view to substituting in all possible ways water for overland transportation.

"One drop of gasoline is equivalent to one drop of blood," as Mr. Chiang Tai-ngau, Minister of Communications, put it, summing up China's main transportation problem.

#### FASTER TYPE

The new type junks are capable of a speed 30 per cent. greater than the old type; they are suitable for the transport of military supplies and can easily be converted into motor craft. Furthermore they have a greater cargo capacity.

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Norwegian shipping firms from the Consulate, the report concludes. — Reuter.



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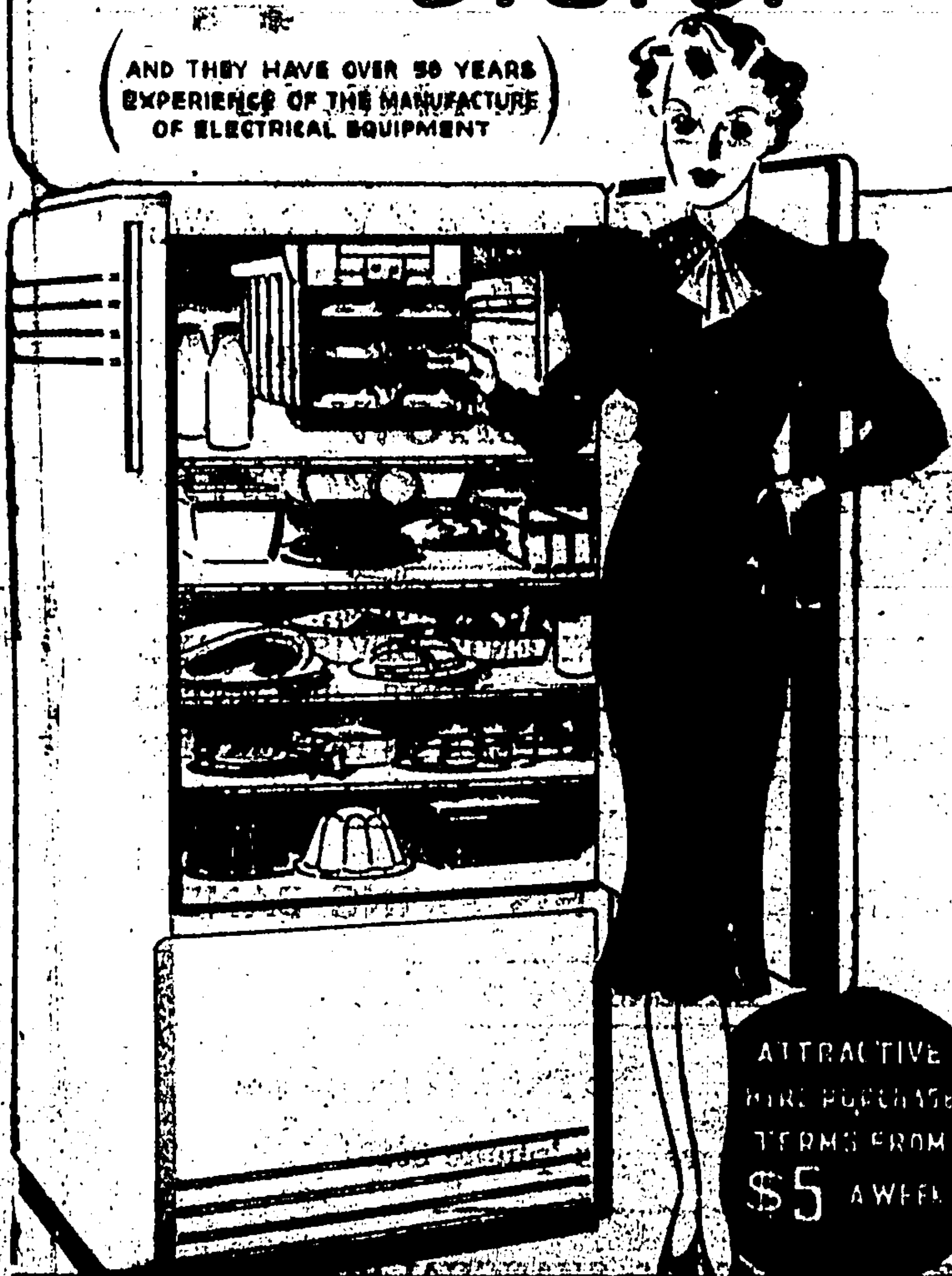
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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### BRITAIN

Two Norwegian Notes, dealing with supposed breaches of international law by ships of the Royal Navy, have been delivered in London. They will be carefully studied, not only on their merits, but with the special consideration due to a country whose friendship has long been valued by the British people, writes "The Times". The position of small neutrals during a struggle between greater Powers is always delicate; under the conditions of the new diplomacy, when anything short of the servile compliance with a dictator's whim may be denounced as "intolerable provocation," it becomes nerve-racking. No doubt it may seem prudent, in order to forestall any German charge of unneutral bias, to protest whenever there is the least suspicion of irregularity—even when, as in the case of the Almark, the British ship has intervened in order to prevent a gross abuse of the hospitality of Norwegian territorial waters.

The incidents cited in the new Notes are believed to raise similarly technical issues. They are not the less worthy of investigation for that; British naval officers have orders to respect the letter of international law as scrupulously as its spirit. But we are entitled to ask our Norwegian friends to preserve a sense of proportion, and, where they suspect that the law has been infringed, to distinguish between substantial injury and an accidental lapse which causes them no harm. The dominant fact is that the British Navy is doing all in its power to safeguard the interests of neutrals, while the German Navy is entirely ignoring them. Since the outbreak of war no Norwegian ship has been attacked by us, and the Norwegians well know that none is likely to be attacked. But Norway has lost 60 ships and the lives of 400 seamen, every one of them destroyed by German action. Some of these vessels—the Norwegian Government has the evidence—have been torpedoed or bombed without warning; the rest have been sunk by German mines. Even since Hr. Halvorsen visited Berlin and received assurances of German abstention from the worst forms of outrage, Norway has had to complain of two more merchant steamers bombed from the air.

The work of the British Navy and Air Force in the waters used by Norwegian ships is mainly directed to preventing these atrocities. The King's ships are there to sweep the mines, sink the U-boats, and shoot down the aeroplanes by which Norwegian lives are threatened; they further offer to Norwegian merchantmen the direct protection of the convoy system. It is true that the Germans have announced that they will not respect the neutrality of ships sailing in British convoys; but Norwegian skippers have long since discovered by experience that neutrality is a poor defence in comparison with British guns. The truth is that the Scandinavian neutrals have everything to gain and nothing to lose by the regular and efficient functioning of the British patrol of the seas. They must not of course depart from their neutrality to the extent of active collaboration, nor are they asked to do so. But they have every reason of self-interest to view the actions of British officers in the most favourable light, and, while steadfastly doing their legal duty as neutrals, to refrain from straining the law to the unnecessary hindrance of operations from which they benefit so greatly. A fair fighter, in mortal combat with a foul fighter, is already at a sufficient disadvantage; and there must be a limit to the further handicap he imposes on himself by a deference, that his opponent repudiates, to the susceptibilities of the spectators.

### SWEDEN

Germany should be told plainly that Sweden's iron ore will be available to the Reich only if respect is shown for Swedish rights. This view was expressed by M. Ragnar Caspergren,

writing in the "Social Demokraten." Referring to Swedish sea losses, he asks whether Sweden could continue to suffer such treatment, and adds: "Germany promised to respect Swedish neutrality, and this means that Sweden should continue to trade with both belligerents. The German press suggests that dangerous waters should be avoided, but this would involve either the abandonment of neutrality or attempting to live on one's own resources."

"If Sweden is compelled to stop her North Sea trade she must also stop her trade with Germany. Germany benefits one-sidedly from this trade, for she cannot pay for our iron ore with the products we require, and the mid-winter coal shortage testifies to the German incapacity to balance the Swedish account. It is no easier to understand and appreciate German goodwill when submarines sink coal cargoes for which we have paid in England. Protests are unavailing, but German ability to pursue the war is largely dependent on Swedish iron supplies, and it should be made clear to the Third Reich that Swedish iron is available only if Swedish rights are respected. This is a grave step, but it is better than allowing piracy to continue."

The "Stockholms Tidningen" considers that the Anglo-Italian coal problem would have serious consequences and connected it with the changed tone of the Italian press. The whole question depended on how closely Italy felt bound to Germany.

### HOLLAND

Referring to the Italian coal question, "Het Volk" writes:—"This is a vital question for Italy from several points of view, and the British decision is a blow. The best solution would seem to lie in the delivery of British coal to Italy in exchange for war supplies. This would draw Italy into the Allied orbit. The solution will show how far Signor Mussolini has kept his pleasant and advantageous position."

### NORWAY

An attack on the British control system was made in a recent issue of "Norges Handelsog Sjøfartstidende." This paper, describing the areas around British control stations as "cemeteries," states: "It makes the Germans' work easier if ships are brought in in masses to known control stations. As a result of this many ships are assembled in limited areas which the British fleet have been unable to keep clear of mines, submarines, or planes. We must presume that this task has been beyond their powers."

### UNITED STATES

The "New York Times" in a vein of irony, writes: "Hitler seems to have been in a characteristically modest mood when he talked to Mr. Wells. He simply demanded a free hand for Germany. Now how reasonable and how adroit it must seem to the Germans to tell America that Germany only wants a Monroe Doctrine for Eastern Europe. The Monroe Doctrine presumably gives us the right to occupy the Argentine and Brazil, shoot their leading civilians, close the universities, conscript labour, uproot thousands of women and children from their homes, and impose our ideas on Latin America at the point of the bayonet."

In the "New York Herald-Tribune" Dorothy Thompson comments: "The anti-Nazi tirade arising from the Welles visit emphasises that the people and not the Governments of the Allies are fighting not capitalism, not Socialism, nor any other old bogey but the brutal naked criminal power of a runaway State. They have seen that power spreading, octopus-like; they have seen people and individual human beings caught by tentacles, disappear into its maw."



## BIG PUSH COMING IN FRANCE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

There is nothing much doing on the Western Front — but this does not mean that nothing will happen in a day or two.

At several points, there are clear signs that the Germans are completing preparations for an attack.

These preparations should be considered in connection with a big "Home Propaganda" drive now going on in Germany. There are hints to the people that a decisive phase of the war is now near. Reservists are being called up.

Unlike similar "scare drives" in November and January, the present propaganda campaign is not addressed abroad but is for "home consumption."

There is proof that the events in Scandinavia have caused great uneasiness among the German people, and it is possible the Nazis are preparing to play their last cards in a desperate attempt.—Havas.

### Paris Warning

Paris, To-day.

The front might blaze up any day, said the War Ministry spokesman yesterday, giving warning that "the events in North Europe must not make us forget the front between the Moselle and Rhine."

The spokesman added: "At various points we have observed indications of preparations for an attack."—Reuter.

### LEAVE CANCELLED

Paris, To-day.

French Army leave has been temporarily suspended.—Reuter.

### Artillery Action

London, To-day.

Last evening's French official communique stated: "To the west of the Vosges, there was some enemy artillery fire which was vigorously returned by the French artillery." — British Wireless.

## GERMAN LOSSES IN ACTION

London, To-day.

While accurate comparison of British and German losses in this week's battles is impossible at the moment, a rough calculation bears out Mr. Churchill's opinion that "the German fleet is crippled in important respects."

The Germans have lost four cruisers out of a pre-war strength of eight, at least three destroyers and possibly two or three others out of 30, several submarines and about 12 supply ships, while a German battleship, a cruiser and several destroyers were damaged.

The British have lost four destroyers out of a pre-war strength of about 160, while two British destroyers and a battleship were damaged, the latter slightly. — Reuter.

### GUERKHA CREW

London, To-day.

It is learned that all but 14 of the crew of the destroyer Guerkha were rescued. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN LANDING TROOPS?

Stockholm, To-day.

According to information reaching Uddévalle from the Hvaler Islands and other places in the outer Oslo Fjord, British vessels have been observed at several points along the coast apparently landing troops for the relief of Oslo. — Reuter.

# SEA FIGHTS Raging In North Sea

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**THE BRITISH AND GERMAN NAVIES WERE STILL LOCKED AT DEATHGRIPS LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO DRAMATIC MESSAGES FROM STOCKHOLM, INDICATING THAT THE SKAGERAK BATTLE WAS PROCEEDING WITH UNDIMINISHED FURY AND THAT ANOTHER MAJOR ENGAGEMENT WAS IN PROGRESS OFF TRONDHEIM.**

Details are lacking, but neutral reports suggest that the German naval units at Trondheim, after repeated attacks by British aircraft, attempted to break the grip of the British warships blocking the mouth of the fjord.

At present, the forces are reported to be fighting the issue out to the west of Trondheim.

The larger engagement in the Oslo Fjord and the Skagerrak is increasing in scope.

The German Navy is reported to have sent additional warships in a desperate attempt to break the British hold on the lifeline for their forces now in Norway, and both sides have been putting more and more aircraft into the operations.

Observers on the Swedish coast in the vicinity of the Norwegian border report that the roar of heavy naval guns continued after dark and the flashes could be seen in the distance. There are reports also of a British landing in the Oslo Fjord.

### Climax Not Reached

Well-informed quarters in London also say that the climax of the naval and air battle raging off Norway has not yet been reached, and apparently the Allies expect strong reinforcements, especially in the air.

Meanwhile, various Norwegian radio stations are still functioning without German control.

These confirm the report that an extremely severe engagement is being fought off Trondheim, where the British have engaged German vessels inside the Fjord.—Havas.

### Battle In Progress

Stockholm, To-day.

A battle between British and German warships is reported to be in progress off Trondheim.

British aeroplanes are also reported to have attacked German warships and aircraft in Trondheim Fjord last evening.

An earlier report stated German warships there were believed to be bottled up by British naval forces.—Reuter.

### German Report

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency states that British planes attacked Trondheim. It says the attack was repulsed.—Reuter.

### Strain and Expectancy

London, To-day.

Since Monday, fighting in the seas around Norway has continued night and day. Widely dispersed but none the less general action between large numbers of German ships and aircraft and British naval and air forces "is going on now."

"In such words, the First Lord of the Admiralty conveyed to the Commons the atmosphere of strain and expectancy which must last until the actions are completed and full information received.—British Wireless.

### RUSSIANS WITHDRAW FROM PETSAMO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

It is officially announced that Russian troops have withdrawn from the Petsamo district, which has been re-occupied by the Finns.

Railway communication with the sea is being gradually re-established.—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

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While the "Voelkischer Beobachter" headlines a story "The Anglo-French Fleet is Smashed," other quarters are busy denying that any big sea battle is taking place! All German transports, according to these sources, are crossing the Skagerak without interference.

Other comforting items of "news" include "We know where the British Fleet is, but we are not saying" and "The German Government is not at war with Norway."—Reuter.

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# "LEAVE IT TO NAVY"

## Mr. Churchill's Speech Inspires Confidence

### BULLITT IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.  
M. Reynaud yesterday morning received Mr. William C. Bullitt, U. S. Ambassador to Paris, returning from long leave.

M. Reynaud also received the Turkish Ambassador to Paris, the French Minister to Syria, and M. Maggior, French Ambassador to Moscow.

During the day, M. Daladier conferred with General Weygand. — Reuter.

## Parliament Acknowledges Triumph

London, To-day.

**THE RISING OF THE HOUSE OF Commons less than an hour after Mr. Winston Churchill's 63-minute speech is the best indication of his personal success yesterday, states Reuter's lobby correspondent.**

"Leave it to the navies," summed up views in the lobbies after the House dispersed.  
Mr. Churchill's absence of any flamboyant claim or tone, coupled with steady confidence, caused the House to settle down attentively.

The unusual readiness to cheer, especially on the Opposition benches, made it speedily apparent that the doubts and criticisms of the past days that the Navy was "doing nothing" were disappearing, and that "The Navy is here" in the Altmarmar phrase, after all.

Members in the lobbies commented with satisfaction on Mr. Churchill's assurance that the Germans in Norway will be given no rest as soon as the Allied measures are complete.

### Warning To Neutrals

It was made equally clear that Mr. Churchill's reference to the dangerous position of neutrals was not intended to pass without notice, though there exists the best reason for knowing that no neutral is in danger from the Allies.

The Opposition indicate they will continue to keep a vigilant watch on the progress of events, but meanwhile they admit freely that after yesterday's statement they are satisfied with what has been done and are more confident of the sufficiency of the Government's war action than a month ago. — Reuter.

## TIENTSIN: HOW MUCH LONGER?

London, To-day.

Sir A. N. Stewart-Sandeman (Conservative) asked in the House of Commons yesterday how much longer the present state of affairs would be tolerated at Tientsin, where the Japanese blockade of the British Concession had lasted nearly nine months.

The residents of the Concession, he added, were living in a state of virtual internment, their businesses were destroyed and they themselves exposed to humiliation and insult.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said conversations for a settlement of all matters arising out of the Tientsin situation were proceeding actively in Tokyo.

### WATCHING CLOSELY

Replying to another question by the same member, Mr. Butler stated that from representations made the Japanese Government were well aware of the attitude of the British Government to the restrictions on British trade and the discrimination against British shipping.

With regard to the general bearing of these questions on the improvement of Anglo-Japanese relations, His Majesty's Government were watching the position closely. — Reuter.

## UNITED STATES WARNING TO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Mr. Breckinridge, Assistant War Secretary under President Wilson in 1913-16, suggested that the United States should immediately declare war on Germany should a single Nazi sailor or soldier land in Iceland or Greenland. — Havas.

## FRENCH REBUTTAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Admiralty denies German radio reports that the French battleship Dunkerque and the cruiser Foch have been sunk in the North Sea. — Havas.

## CHINESE AIR RAID AT NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the "Ta Mei Wen Pao," a squadron of Chinese aircraft visited Nanking at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Several bombs, it is alleged, were dropped on Japanese military positions and a number of Japanese troops were killed and wounded.

Japanese A.A. batteries went into action but failed to hit any of the visiting machines. — Our Own Correspondent.

## AMERICANS DEEPLY IMPRESSED

London, To-day.

The broadcast of Mr. Winston Churchill's speech has impressed Americans, says a despatch from Washington.

The frank enumeration of British losses has created an excellent impression, and from his restrained description of the naval action off Scandinavia the American public infers that events have developed favourably for the Allies and that Hitler made a serious strategic error in invading Norway.

In Ottawa, Canadians have been thrilled by the speech, which is felt to have greatly cleared up the situation. — Reuter.

## SOME ESCAPE

Stockholm, To-day.

According to reports from Marstrand, some German warships and transports, which escaped Wednesday's naval battle, have reached Oslo Fjord. — Reuter.

## "DON'T PROPHECY: KEEP FIRM GRIP ON REALITIES"

London, To-day.

**MR. A. V. ALEXANDER (Labour), a former First Lord of the Admiralty, followed Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday and spoke on behalf of the Labour Opposition.**

Mr. Alexander warned the people to beware of rumours. He would much rather have the vetted truth when it became available.

We were entitled to say to neutrals in the danger zone what had been uttered by a Turkish source that morning — that the events of this week proved even more conclusively that there are only two choices before them.

Either they must make up their minds to accept German domination, which might be permanent, or march with the Allies.

### WELL TO REJOICE

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) declared Mr. Churchill's statement was grave and measured, and on account of those qualities it was profoundly reassuring.

To-day we did well to rejoice and we were not alone in rejoicing, at the castigation which the German aggressors were receiving at the hands of the Royal Navy and Air Force.

Sir Archibald paid a tribute to the Norwegian defence, and added it remained for the British Government to see that effective help was sent them in time.

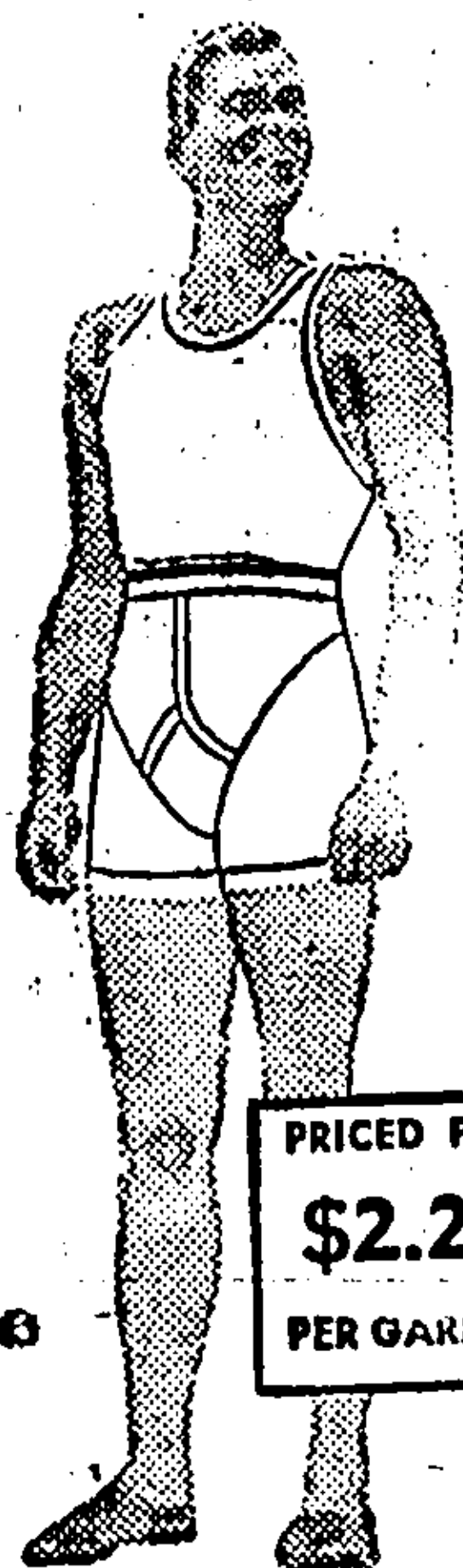
He did not believe people realised how tremendous was the task ahead, and thought it was no service to the people or to the common cause to minimise the effect of Germany's latest step.

### DON'T PROPHECY

He would say "Don't prophecy smooth things to the people. Keep a firm grip on realities. Tell them the truth and, however hard, it will only stiffen their determination to see this thing through to the end."

We could not rule out the possibility that the attack on Norway was only a feint, and that when our attention was distracted there, the German blow would fall elsewhere. — Reuter.

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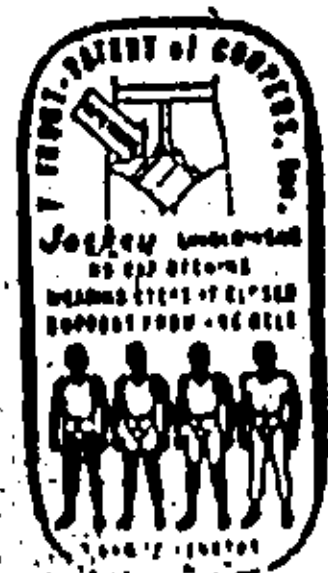
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# News Snack Bar

## MUNICH BOMB PLOT TRIAL: NAZIS AFRAID TO HOLD IT IN PUBLIC

ACCORDING TO REPORTS from Berlin, George Elser, who was arrested on a charge of placing the bomb which wrecked the Buergebrauen cellar at Munich on November 9, just after Hitler had left the hall, will shortly be tried in camera.

Capt. Best and Maj. Stevens, the two Englishmen who were kidnapped from Dutch territory by Gestapo agents armed with sub-machine-guns, may be tried in public. The charge will probably be the creation of an organisation on neutral soil directed against the German State.

There appears to be no question of Elser's trial being worked up into a cause celebre, because the evidence against him is so weak and obviously falsified, that even the gullible German public would not be deceived.



"Daily Herald" London  
Swastik and Siegfried  
"I see there's nothing on the menu again, Swastik."  
"No, it isn't. It's off."

### Death Ends Barony

Lord Bayford, who was Minister of Agriculture in the Baldwin Government from 1922 to 1924, died suddenly at his home at Wincanton, Somerset, aged seventy-two.

There is no heir to the barony, which becomes extinct.

As Sir Robert Sanders, he represented Bridgwater from 1910 to 1923, and Wells from 1924 to 1929.

### Rise For 13,000

#### On Farms

Thirteen thousand workers are affected by the decision of North Yorks Agricultural Wages Committee to increase wages of all male farm workers over twenty-one from 38s. to 40s. a week. No increases were granted to women.

### Mystery Radio Hits

#### At Us From Abroad

G. P. O. engineers believe that the "New British Broadcasting Company," radio station, from which anti-British propaganda was heard recently, is a low-power station operating from somewhere in "a distant part of the Continent."

Further tests are being made.

### Rector Marched

#### With Brass Band

The Rev. Robert Halton, rector of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, who once used to fill his church by inviting passers-by to follow his brass band, is dead.

The band was composed of volunteers who, for a period in 1934, used to march through the streets of the City inviting people to "fall in and follow the band" to attend Sunday services in the church.

Mr. Halton used to march with them.

It is expected that the Press will be permitted to hear the charge read out and that the court will then be cleared, before sentence is pronounced. Elser will almost certainly be executed.

### CASES NOT CONNECTED

Part of the evidence at both the trials, will be given by Gestapo agents who have been spying upon German refugees living in neutral countries.

It is improbable, however, that any attempt will be made to establish a direct connection between Elser and the two Englishmen, as the original attempts to do so resulted in such a hopeless tangle of contradiction that instructions were issued to the German Press by the Propaganda Ministry not to discuss the two cases as a single affair.

The two Englishmen are believed to be still confined at the headquarters of the Gestapo in the Prinz Albrechtstrasse, Berlin; Elser is in gaol, either in Munich or Berlin.

### Chased Plane

#### 12 Miles

A young French sergeant-pilot named Sales, officially credited with having brought down four German planes, has been awarded the Military Medal.

His latest exploit was described in the official "Journal." He brought down a Dornier 17 in flames after chasing it almost on the ground for twelve miles in enemy territory.—Reuter.

### 9 Call Boy,

#### 11, "Uncle"

John Hooper, of 14, Perry Hall-road, Orpington (Kent), is only eleven years old, but he's a "big shot" in the family circle. He's uncle to nine children all younger than himself.

His mother and father, now sixty-four and sixty-one respectively, had fourteen children, and John's eldest brother is forty-one.



"L'Ouvrier" Paris  
"This must be the new Soviet Government arriving."



"Le Petit Parisien" Paris  
"You can be the neutral!"  
"What—and get all the kicks? Not much!"

### So We Should Hope

"Owing to the shortage of oils in England, housewives will no longer be able to dress their salads with cod-liver oil," said Lord Haw-Haw.

### Young Germans

#### Evacuated

Evacuation of German children from the Rhineland to Denmark is reported by the correspondent at Toender (Southern Denmark) of a Copenhagen newspaper.

He says about 200 Rhineland children, between the ages of ten and twelve, have arrived at Toender.

### Graft In Russia

Complaints of lack of discipline and excessive bureaucracy in Soviet State institutions were published recently in Pravda organ of the Soviet Communist Party.

"There is much graft," the newspaper says. "The heads of certain State departments and institutions have faked the status of different employees, making out they draw higher salaries than is the case, and they thus deceive the State."

### Island Monster Shot

The "Isle of Wight monster" is dead. It was caught and shot by Mr. W. Clark in a copse near Bembridge after frightening for over six months women and children who had encountered it in the woods between Ryde and Osborne House.

The animal resembled a large fox about the head, but had a shaggy mane, and the rest of its body was practically hairless. Its paws were the size of a large fist.

Those who had seen it prowling stated that its movements were slow and deliberate.



"Fire away, sir. Don't worry about me; I've done this hundreds of times in the circus."  
"Ric et Rac," Paris.

### Balloon Shot-Down

A barrage balloon with a trailing cable drifted low over the Essex village of Vange. Machine-gun fire from anti-aircraft battery shot it down and it fell in a farmyard.

### Light From Church

#### Tower

The Chief Constable of Folkestone, Mr. A. S. Beesley, told the local Bench that since the beginning of the war 305 breaches of the lighting regulations had been dealt with in the town.

Timothy Anderson, caretaker of the parish church, was fined £1 for allowing a light to be shown from a window in the tower. He suggested that bellringers were responsible.

### What J.P. Did Not Know

A policeman told Mr. Harold Kingdon, J.P., of Basingstoke, that a lorry-driver employed by his (the magistrate's) firm had no driving licence, and that the firm was thus committing an offence. Mr. Kingdon replied: "I have administered the law for 32 years and have never heard of this before."

This was stated at Alton, Hants, when fines of £1 on the firm and 5s on the driver were imposed.

### 15-Year-Old Girl's

#### Taxi Rides

A 15-year-old girl, accused at Chatham Juvenile Court of stealing £14 and two gold rings from her uncle's house, was said to have ridden to her work in a laundry by taxicab.

It was also stated that she had thrown half-crowns on the counter when purchasing twopenny articles in the firm's canteen, telling the assistants to "keep the change." She was sent to an approved school.





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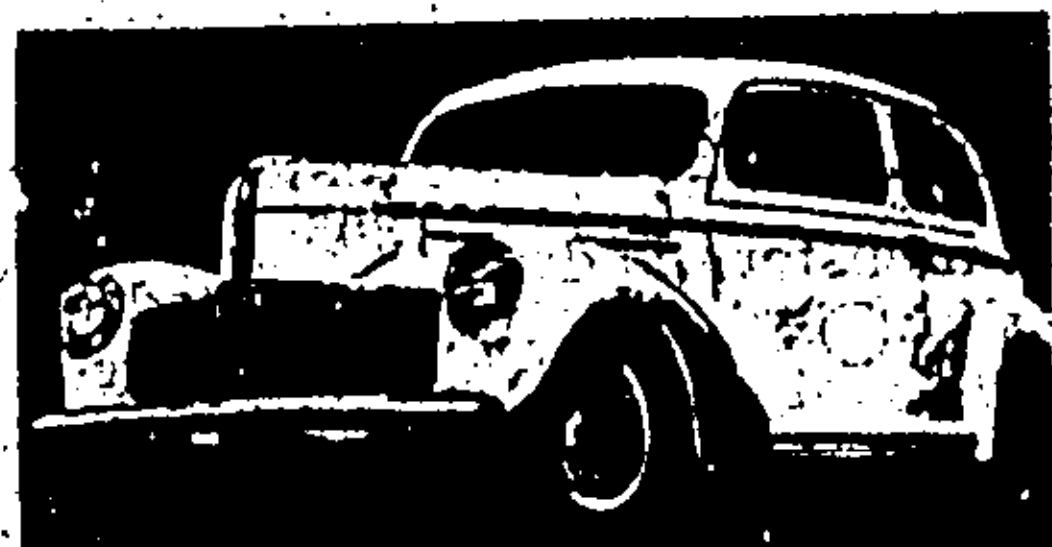
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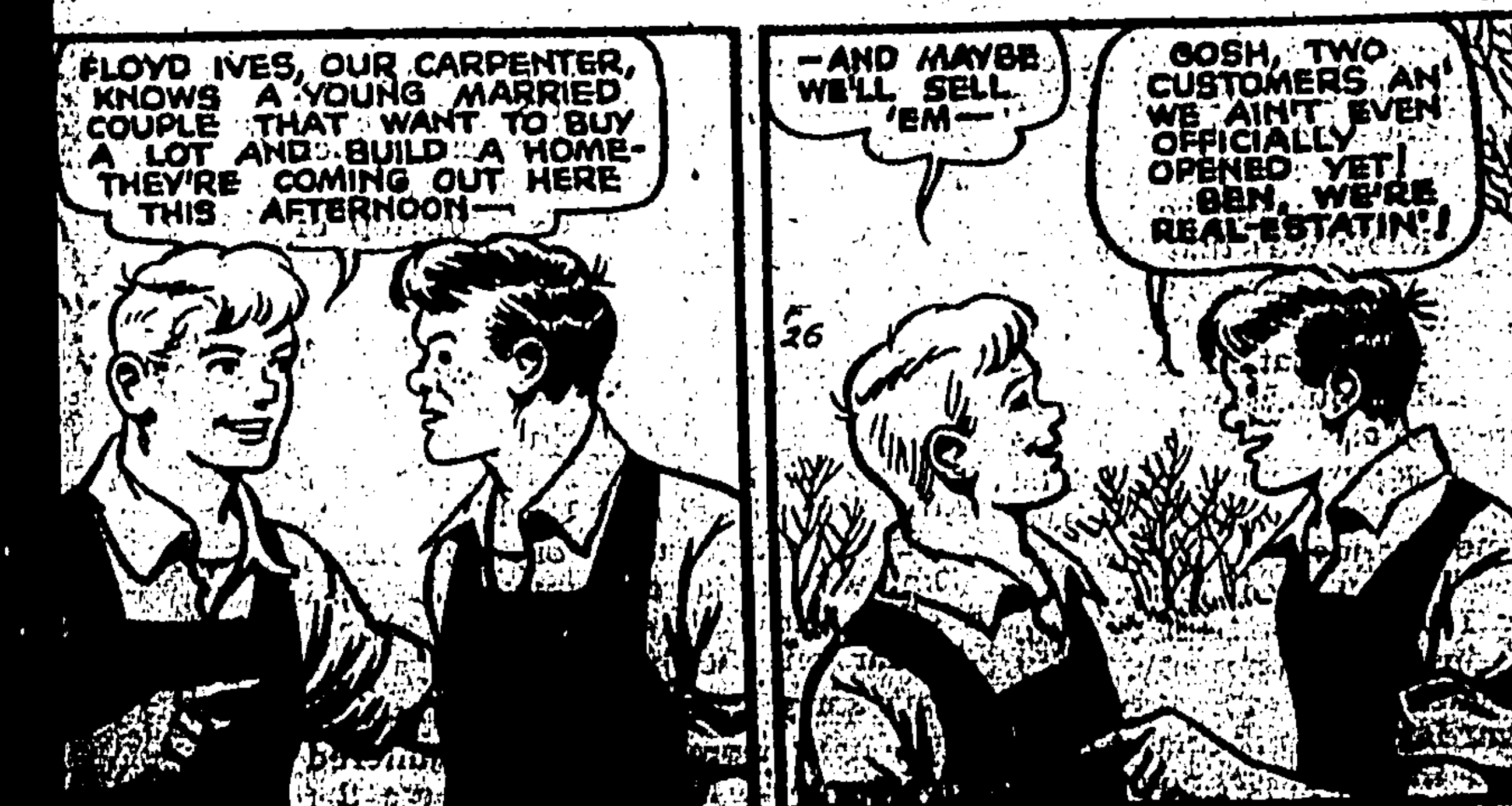
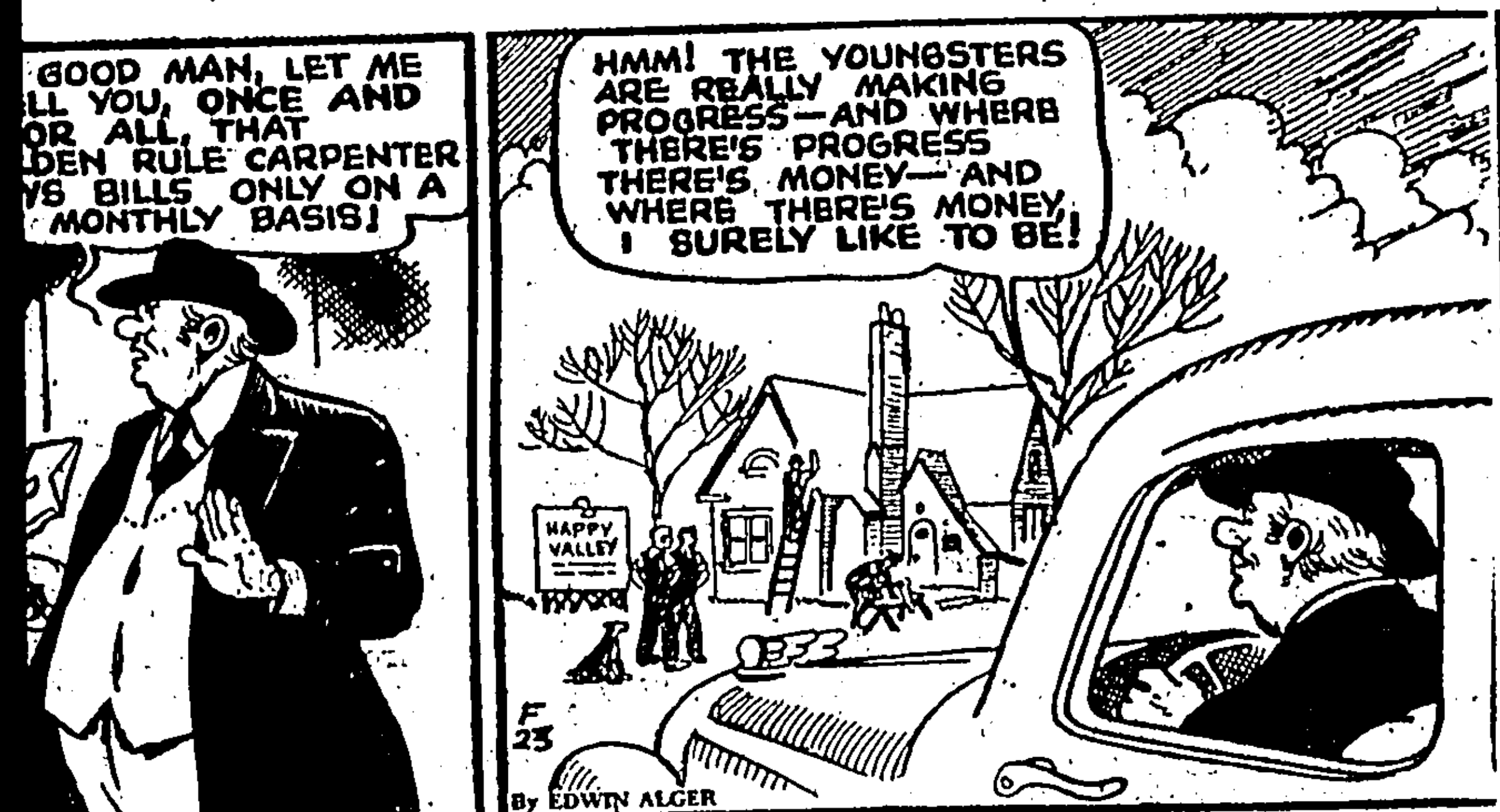
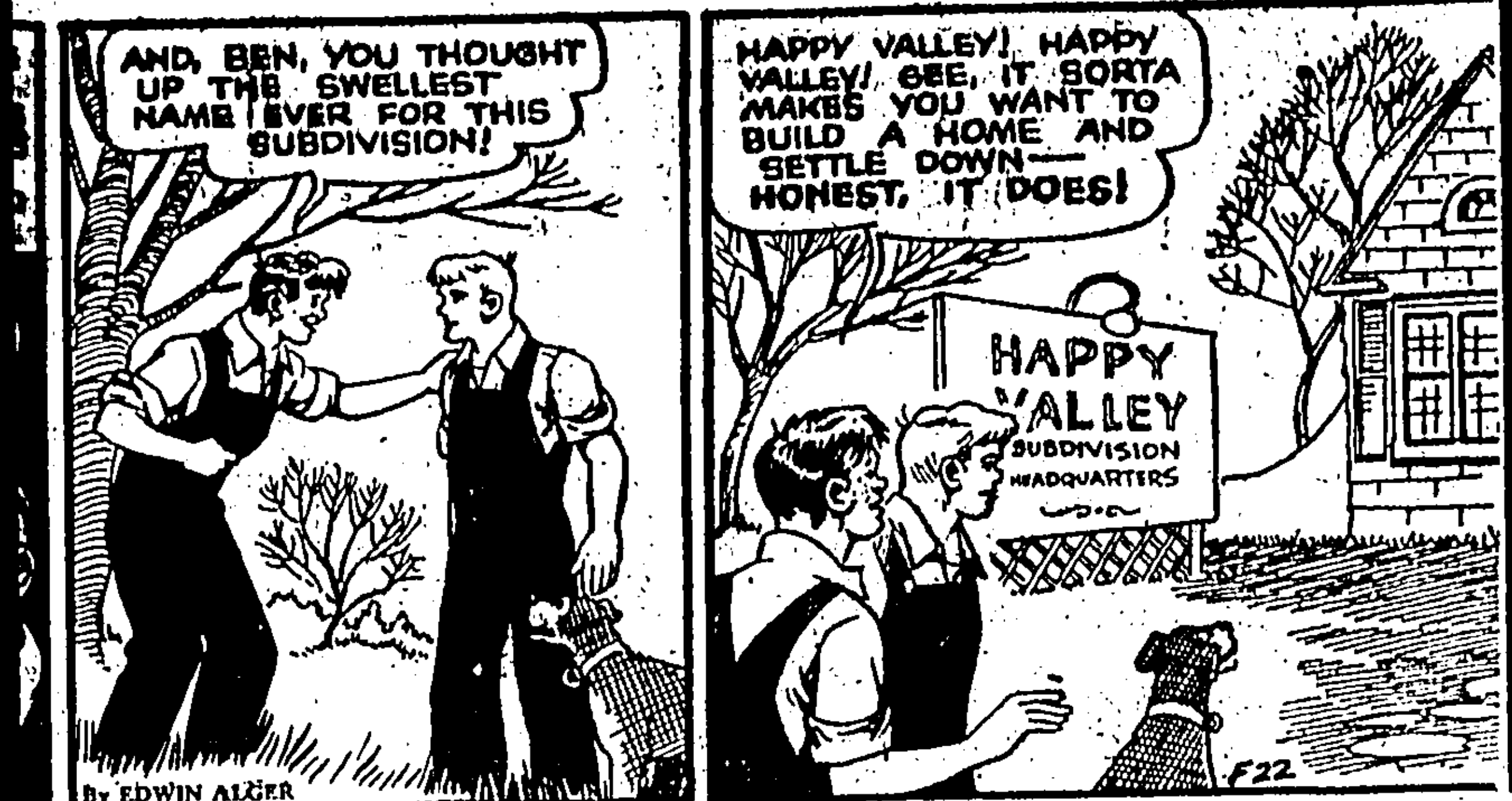
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## SHORT STORY

## BOOBY TRAP

By  
Russell Heatley

"THE real trouble," murmured Jerry Rhodes to himself, "is that Uncle Sherlock thinks you're several kinds of ass."

At that moment he was the sole occupant of the little office which his six-foot one of manhood graced every day as assistant to the firm of Holmes, Private Detectives, of Shaftesbury Avenue. Uncle Sherlock—the nickname for a real life detective called Holmes was irresistible—was out.

It was extremely important that, sooner or later, the sooner the better, Uncle Sherlock should be impressed with the sterling worth of Jerry Rhodes, even if the latter had the disadvantage of just having come down from Oxford with no previous initiation into the mysteries of the detective business.

It was important, reflected Jerry, mainly, entirely, wholly because of — Jennifer!

Absent-mindedly Jerry took a paper clip from the little store which he always kept in his pocket and flicked it idly but with remarkable accuracy at a fly which was crawling up the window-pane. This was one of his little habits which particularly infuriated Uncle Sherlock, who had strong views on the subject.

There was always Jennifer. After all if it had not been for Jennifer, he would not be here. When he hinted to Jennifer that his hunt for work was not meeting with any marked success, she had miraculously produced Uncle Sherlock from out of the blue.

It is true that when Jerry went to interview Uncle Sherlock, that gentleman did not seem particularly impressed with his athletic achievements during his University career.

But the old boy, peering through gold rimmed glasses out of a chubby rubicund face, had been surprisingly decent. Uncle Sherlock, in short, said he'd give Jerry a chance, though his tone of voice rather implied some doubt as to whether Jerry would be clever enough to take advantage of it.

And although Jerry found the detective business curiously dull, and curiously unlike what he expected, he was more than anxious to prove his ability because Uncle Sherlock was in a sort of way guardian to Jennifer, and if there was anything in this world which Jerry wanted to do, it was to marry Jennifer.

That was three months ago. So far, reflected Jerry morosely, his chance of doing that one splendid deed which would impress Uncle Sherlock had been necessarily limited by the narrowness of his duties, which seemed to consist principally of saying "Good morning" to a very motley crew of callers, answering the phone, and licking stamps.

By this time the fly, having recovered from the paper clip assault on the window, had travelled to the office door. Jerry took careful aim, but while the clip was in mid air, the door opened suddenly, and the clip struck the bulbous nose of Uncle Sherlock neatly and with considerable force.

"Damn!" said Jerry. "Look here, you young idiot," blustered Uncle Sherlock. "Haven't you anything better to do than this? Pull yourself together, man. I've got a simple job I want you to do which even you can't fiddle . . ."

The next day found him wondering if the job was so good after all. It seemed silly.

He was to travel to Paris by the two o'clock train via Folkestone and Boulogne. Uncle Sherlock, travelling separately, but by the same train, was taking a very important package of papers to a certain person staying at the Hotel du Rhone.

And Jerry's job? Simply to keep an eye on him during the journey.

Apparently Uncle Sherlock anticipated an attempt at interference, although the idea of anybody succeed-

ing in parting Uncle Sherlock from the bulky envelop nestling in his breast pocket struck Jerry as slightly humorous.

At Victoria Station, he found he had fifteen minutes to spare, and there was no sign among the crowd of the rubicund features of his employer.

He lit a cigarette. Just time to phone Jennifer. What a pity she couldn't come too! Paris—what a time they could have!

"Hullo, Jennifer."

"Hullo, Jerry, just off?"

"Yes—Jennifer, darling. I hope half a dozen thugs set on your respected uncle, during the trip. At least it'd give me the chance of showing him I'm not quite the irresponsible scally-wag he thinks I am."

There was a moment's silence at the other end of the line. Then, "Don't be silly—Oh, Jerry—." There was a serious note in her voice which was strange to Jerry.

"Yes, darling?"

"Jerry—I don't know what makes me think so, but I've a feeling that there's something unusual about this trip. I think Uncle may be staging something, just—you know—just to sort of test you out. He's a darling and so on. But it's just the sort of thing he might do."

Jerry turned the idea over in his mind. "Oh, I don't know," he answered slowly, "I—."

"Be careful, Jerry darling. Keep a good look out for booby traps. Good luck."

Just in time Jerry left the phone booth, and caught a glimpse of Uncle Sherlock's portly figure pushing its way through the crowd. In the crush at the barrier Jerry lost sight of him for a moment, but found him sitting comfortably in the corner of a first-class compartment which in some miraculous manner he seemed to have reserved for himself alone. Jerry hurried into a partly-filled compartment, and sank into a seat.

Why should Jennifer have said what she did? It was deuced undiplomatic on her part to warn him; or had she considered the end justified the means?

A booby trap? It would not be at all out of keeping with Uncle Sherlock's temperament. Anyway, it would not do to let Uncle Sherlock out of his sight.

With a start, he realised that ten minutes of the journey had passed without his having taken a look at his man. Uncle Sherlock, still in undisputed possession of the next carriage, sat with his head bowed on his breast, half asleep already, a copy of "Punch" dangling on his lap.

"H'm," said Jerry to himself. "Possibly he isn't as sleepy as he appears to be. He's a wise old owl." Purposely he banged against the door of Uncle Sherlock's carriage, and the swift glance which was his reward showed that Uncle Sherlock's somnolence was largely illusory.

He went back to his own compartment. Idly he watched the fields rush by; occasionally taking a quick glance at his employer, still in undisputed possession of the next carriage, still apparently dozing.

Once when he touched the carriage handle, Uncle Sherlock made no movement at all, and seemed to be sleeping. "Queer," thought Jerry—if that package of papers is as important as he makes out. I wonder if that part is all a big bluff. I wonder if he is staging something for me? So obsessed did Jerry become with the problem that he found himself with one of the inevitable paper clips in his hand ready to flip at the inviting bald head of a miserable looking gentleman opposite, and restrained himself just in time.

Nothing happened to mar the quietness of the journey between Victoria and Folkestone. Assuming the existence of the booby trap which Jennifer feared, Jerry felt almost a malicious delight in the sudden realisation that Uncle Sherlock was among the world's worst sailors—the Channel

was choppy.

It was not very long before Uncle Sherlock succumbed completely: he took off his glasses and his red face turned a sickly sort of grey-green. Discretion demanded some sort of relaxation of Jerry's shadowing to spare Uncle Sherlock the agony of being watched in his hour of trouble. Only once when Jerry took a quick look did something strike him as queer.

A ridiculously villainous-looking Southern European in a suit of American cut and an incongruous black felt hat seemed to be taking an unhealthy kind of interest in Uncle Sherlock. But Jerry dismissed the man from his mind quickly, because, with the mole on his nose from which sprouted several bushy hairs, the man really looked too villainous to be a villain.

When they disembarked at Boulogne it was getting dark and had begun to snow.

Jerry followed a short distance behind Uncle Sherlock, who looked shaky and white. Again in some miraculous manner Uncle Sherlock had a carriage to himself in the Paris train.

With a shouting of French porters which excited Jerry by its novelty the train moved off. Once again Jerry took up his seat in the compartment next to the one occupied by Uncle Sherlock. Fifteen minutes later, Jerry heard a movement in the next compartment and saw the huge bulk of Uncle Sherlock lumbering along the corridor, apparently in search of the restaurant car.

Jerry followed.

He found his quarry sitting at a table with brandy and soda. Jerry sat at another table and ordered a whiskey. They sat there for about fifteen minutes, and finally Uncle Sherlock, looking very tired and miserable, heaved himself up, and walked back in the direction of his compartment.

Jerry waited, lingering lovingly over his second whiskey, then, after about ten minutes, decided he had better be getting back.

Although it was still early evening, it was pitch black outside. As he passed Uncle Sherlock's compartment, he noticed that the blinds were completely drawn so that the interior was invisible from the corridor except for one tiny slit.

He peeped through, Uncle Sherlock was sprawled on the seat, only half awake, apparently still suffering from the effect of the crossing. Jerry sat down once again in his own seat, and, probably due to the effect of the whiskey, became very sleepy himself. Suddenly a familiar figure passed the door. It was the villainous-looking gentleman with the wart on his nose. Jerry watched him pass, then, all at once, became very wideawake. For the man stopped outside Uncle Sherlock's compartment, and Jerry felt sure he heard him go in. Jerry thought swiftly. This might conceivably be part of Uncle Sherlock's plan. If so now was the time for him to show his hand.

"All right, my friend," murmured Jerry grimly to himself. "But don't blame me if you get hurt in the process." Quickly and quietly he reached Uncle Sherlock's carriage door, flung it open, and strode in.

He had a hurried glimpse of Uncle Sherlock cowering on the seat. The next thing he knew was that the cold barrel of a revolver was pressing into his ribs while the villainous-looking person in the black hat hissed something about being quiet and rearranged the blinds so as to ensure that the interior of the compartment would be invisible once more to anyone passing down the corridor.

"Mr. Hol—" ejaculated Jerry. "Stop—or I will shoot both of you. Both of you instead of one only. Yes," muttered Black Hat threateningly, backing towards the compartment door furthest from the corridor and keeping both Jerry and Uncle Sherlock covered with the revolver.

Jerry's mind surged with a dozen questions.

This was so ridiculous that it must be arranged for his benefit! Good God, a man who wanted to take a wad of papers from Uncle Sherlock would not act in this melodramatic manner, although he had to admit that Jennifer's Uncle looked convincingly terror-stricken.

Well, for Jennifer's sake he must do the proper thing. Stall for time, that was the thing. See how this thing was meant to pan out.

Almost automatically Jerry's hand fidgeted nervously in his pocket with a paper clip. "Hands out of your pocket please—Yes," commanded Black Hat testily. Really the man looked an impossible sort of gunman with that sprouting wart and the American quarter inch of shirt visible between his trousers and waistcoat.

Couldn't Uncle Sherlock do better than this? Then a surprising thing happened. "Get out of here," said Uncle Sherlock in a hoarse whisper. "Get out, I tell you. You can't—" "Oh, no, please," interposed Black Hat, making a threatening gesture with his revolver. "My young friend must not leave until I have settled my account with Mr. Detectif Holmes here. Before my young friend leaves, I too, must leave," he paused, and made a significant gesture towards the blackness outside.

"In a moment the train—he slows down, always here he slows down. Then I will shoot. That will be my account with Mr. Holmes settled. After, I jump out, and get away. Well thought out, yes? Almost as good as your evidence which condemned my brother to death. I have waited a long time for this moment, Mr. Holmes. It was a happy accident, meeting on the boat. Happy for me. But not for you, Mr. Holmes."

Black Hat glanced at his wrist. "In ten seconds, now, Mr. Holmes. It will be over for you very quickly. Just a little bullet. And a little jump for me." He looked doubtfully at Jerry.

"Perhaps you had better join Mr. Holmes. Yes? It would be wiser. For you have seen more than you should have seen. It should be your turn first, yes?"

He raised the revolver, slowly.

Although it all seemed crazy, out of all reason, Jerry knew that the moment had come for action, although he felt curiously afraid. What ought he to do? What was the logical, convincing course of action in circumstances such as these?

Then he had an idea. The clip! When he had taken his hands out of his pocket at Black Hat's command, he took up the clip too, and had been nervously fiddling with it during the whole of this amazing episode. He looked at Black Hat's eyes and saw that they were fixed on his not on his hand.

Very carefully he poised the clip for flight, aiming at Black Hat's right eye under the beetling brow. He let fly, and at the same time lunged forward, pushing Black Hat's revolver arm upwards—

There was a sharp report and the revolver clattered to the floor. At the same moment Black Hat gave Jerry a kick in the stomach which sent him flying across the carriage towards the corridor, right on top of Uncle Sherlock, who had risen from his seat.

When Jerry recovered himself, Black Hat had gone.

Snowflakes were swirling in through the door whence he had made his exit. "My God," said Uncle Sherlock, beads of perspiration on his brow. "That was a narrow squeak, Jerry. I thought the fellow looked vaguely familiar on the boat."

But Jerry was not listening. His eyes were on the splintered wood-work of the carriage where the bullet had penetrated, and suddenly he felt very faint—



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Mr. V. C. Labrum, Hon. Secretary of the Club, it is worthy of note, has already received numerous messages of thanks from Tommies in France who have received tins of cigarettes from the proceeds of the first concert.

Two of them reveal themselves as formerly stationed in Hong Kong. Several are in hospital in France. All are extremely appreciative.

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"They are very much appreciated by my pals and myself."

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A. Bantock.

"I was in Hong Kong in 1933."

W. Hastings.

"As an old member of the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, I thank you."

A. Casson.

"It is awfully nice to know that people so far away as yourself think of us in this way."

V. Dunton.

"Wishing your Cricket Club every success."

I. T. Watson.

"It all helps in the cause of the good old Red, White and Blue."

E. R. Fakeley.

## HONG KONG EXERCISES COMPLETED

Hong Kong's defence manoeuvres were concluded at seven o'clock this morning.

"During the night," says the official communique, "further attacks were made by small craft along the south shore and were repulsed."

"An attack to exercise the inner line of defences was again carried out. The enemy having failed to establish himself in any tenable position by daylight there was no occasion for counter attack. The exercise was therefore concluded at 7 a.m."

## TRADING WITH ENEMY WARNING

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A TREASURY STATEMENT CALLS THE ATTENTION OF TRADERS AND OTHERS TO THE FACT THAT THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY REGULATIONS APPLY TO ANY AREA WHICH IS IN THE OCCUPATION OF THE ENEMY.

It is pointed out, however, that the legislation does not apply to Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands as long as business with them does not involve intercourse with Denmark proper.

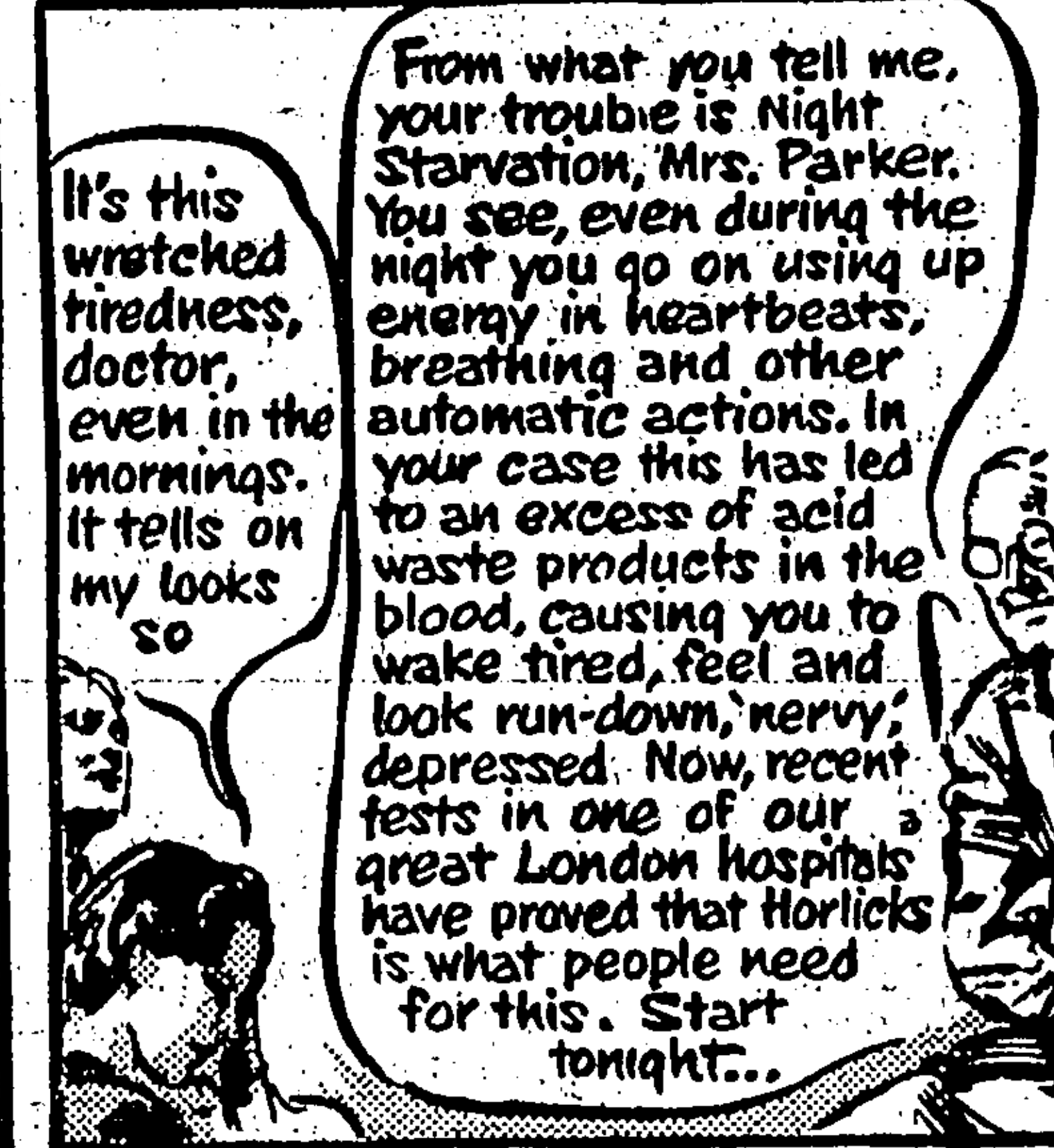
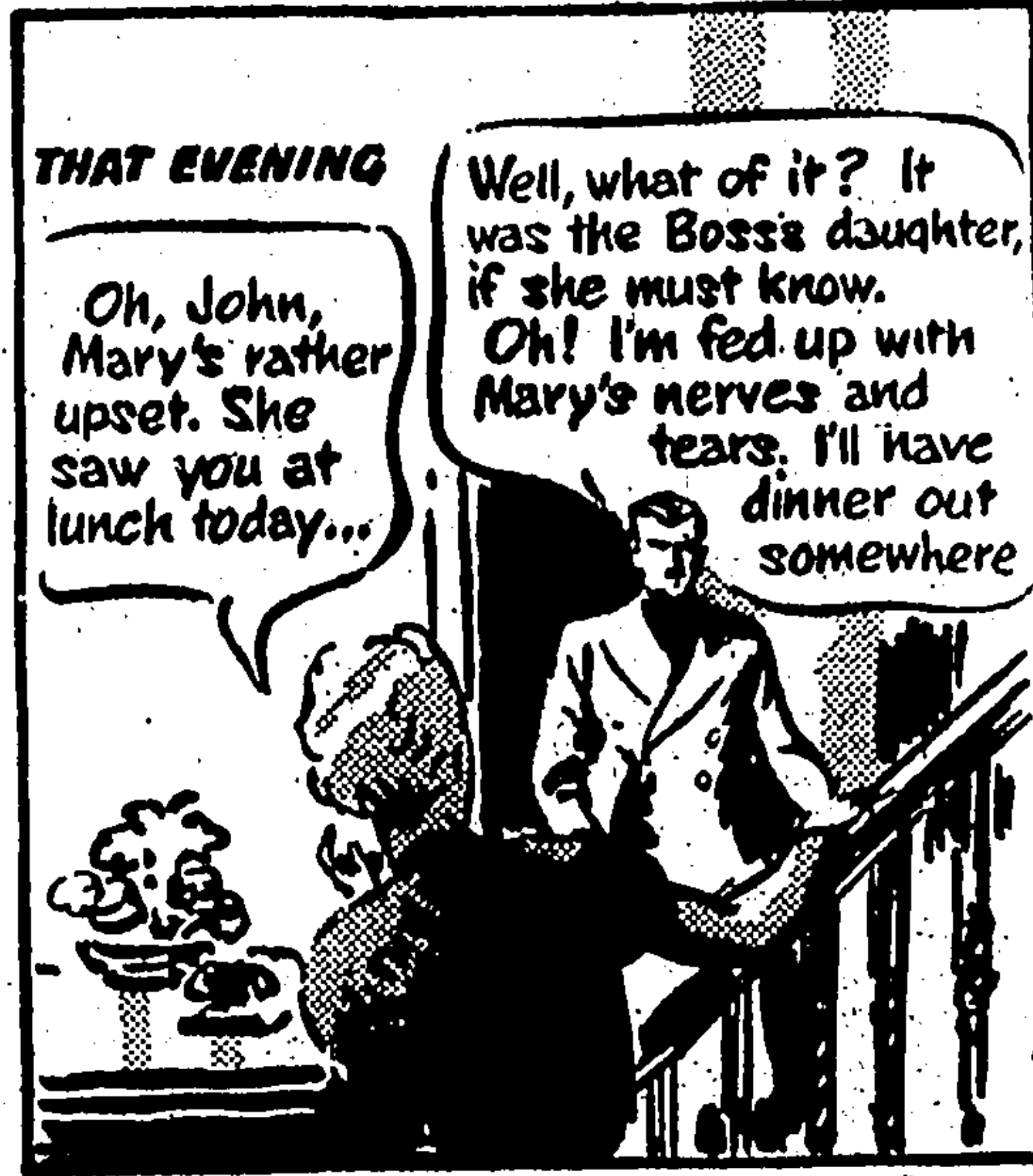
The greatest caution is enjoined in connection with transactions with any part of Norway.—Reuter.

Cheung Hing, quartermaster of an oil tanker in Talkoo Dockyard, collapsed on board a bus yesterday afternoon. He died shortly after admission to the Queen Mary Hospital.



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# M. REYNAUD PUTS GERMAN INVASION IN PERSPECTIVE

Paris, To-day.

THE PREMIER, M. PAUL REYNAUD, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday on the Scandinavian operations, said 22 ships were at the bottom of the ocean, of which 18 were German and four British; no French vessels were lost. Mr. Reynaud declared Germany's initial tactical success had proved an immense strategical blunder. The iron ore route was and would remain cut for Germany.

The British Navy had lost four destroyers and the German navy four cruisers, representing one-tenth of its total fleet, one submarine, one destroyer and 12 troop transports.

"Germany, who will need steel to attack us, now presents us with the picture of a sortie by a beleaguered garrison.

"After leaping on Denmark she hurled herself at Norway, believing she would not meet more resistance than from Austria in 1938. Instead, she met with the resistance of Belgium in 1914."

At this point the whole Chamber rose and applauded.

NO EXAMPLE

Returning to the naval aspect, M. Reynaud said there was no example in history of operations undertaken with decisive naval inferiority which had not ended in defeat.

French squadrons and Polish warships had been participating alongside the British Fleet. — Reuter.

## Message To Norway

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

In the course of his speech in the Chamber yesterday, the Premier, M. Reynaud, declared: "I wish to convey to the Norwegian people, King and Government an expression of our admiration for the gallantry with which they are fighting for freedom."

M. Reynaud said that while he could not at present give detailed information on the naval battles, the French people would be fully informed in due course. — Havas.

## DEBATE POSTPONED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Complying with the Government request, the Chamber of Deputies yesterday decided to postpone the debate on general policy, scheduled to take place to-day, in order to allow the Government full liberty of action at the present important moment. — Havas.

## "PURE" FICTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is possible now to completely deny German claims that four Allied cruisers and two transports had been "annihilated" in the North Sea.

The British Admiralty which has always been most conservative in its statements, calls the report "pure fiction."

The French Admiralty denies that a French destroyer has been sunk. — Havas.

## RECAPTURE OF BERGEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The newspaper Nya Dagligt Allehanda reported that the Norwegians yesterday morning recaptured Bergen following a severe battle.

Latest information confirms that the British Navy sank 12 German ships and 20 troop transports were attacked during Wednesday's naval battle. — Havas.

## TYPICAL NAZI TRICK

Stockholm, To-day.

An indication of how the renegade Quisling, puppet leader of the puppet government set up under German control in Oslo, made preparations for the German invasion is seen in the fact that while the first German troops were advancing into the country, Germans—wearing the uniforms of Norwegian officers—appeared at the various barracks and ordered the soldiers to return to their homes. — Reuter.

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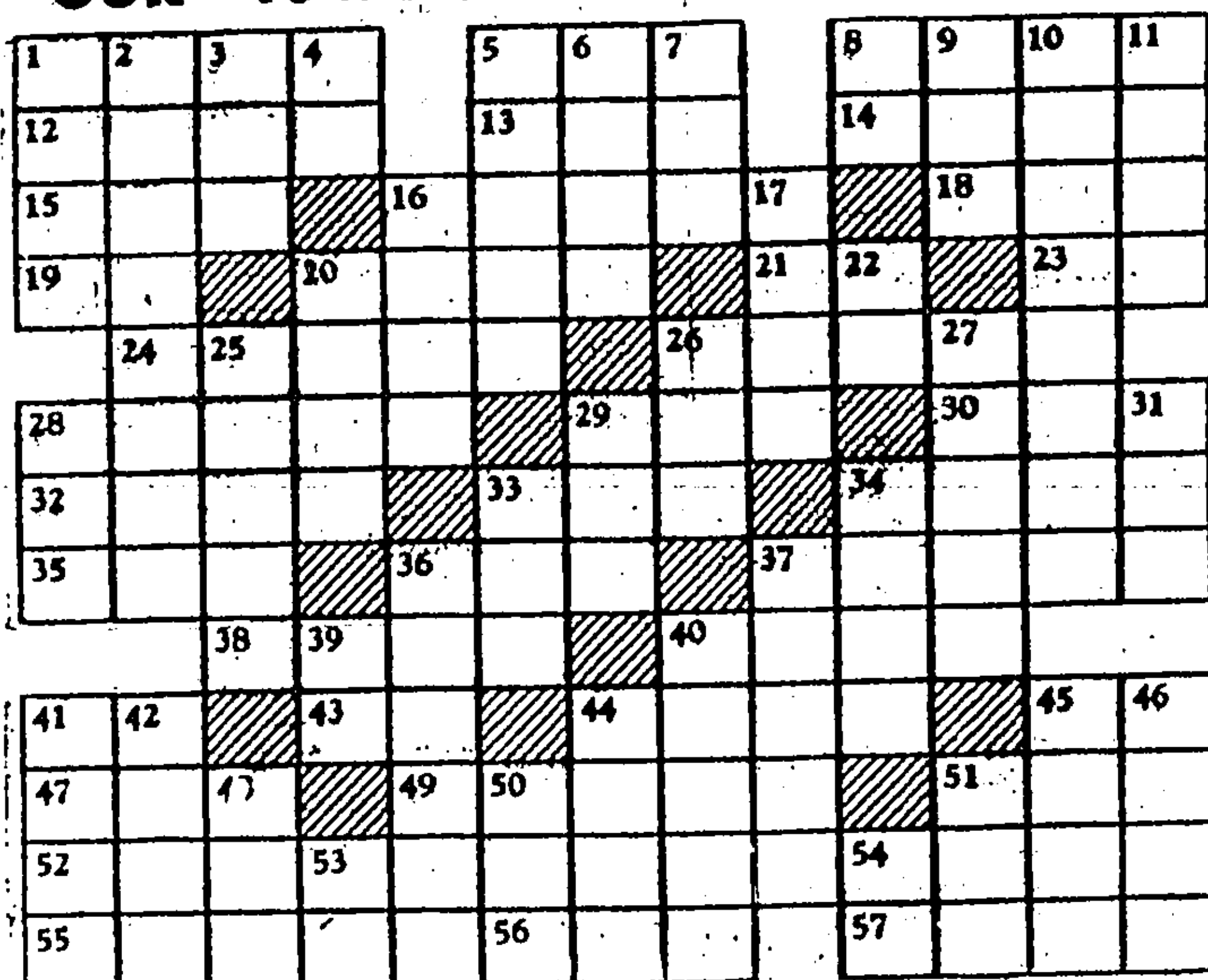
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- 15 Tavern
- 16 Item of value
- 18 Free
- 19 Bone
- 20 To corner
- 21 Conjunction
- 23 Prefix: from
- 24 To apply remedies to
- 26 Clan
- 28 Forward motion
- 29 Skill
- 30 Worm
- 32 Lampreys
- 33 Silkworm
- 34 Tempo
- 35 Beverage
- 36 Monk
- 37 Burdened
- 38 Hindu weights
- 40 Centers
- 41 Exclamation
- 43 Artificial language
- 44 Mote
- 45 Hypothetical force

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Medley
- 2 Mountebank
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- 51 Inlet
- 52 Student of spiders
- 55 Branches
- 56 Nooks
- 57 Molding

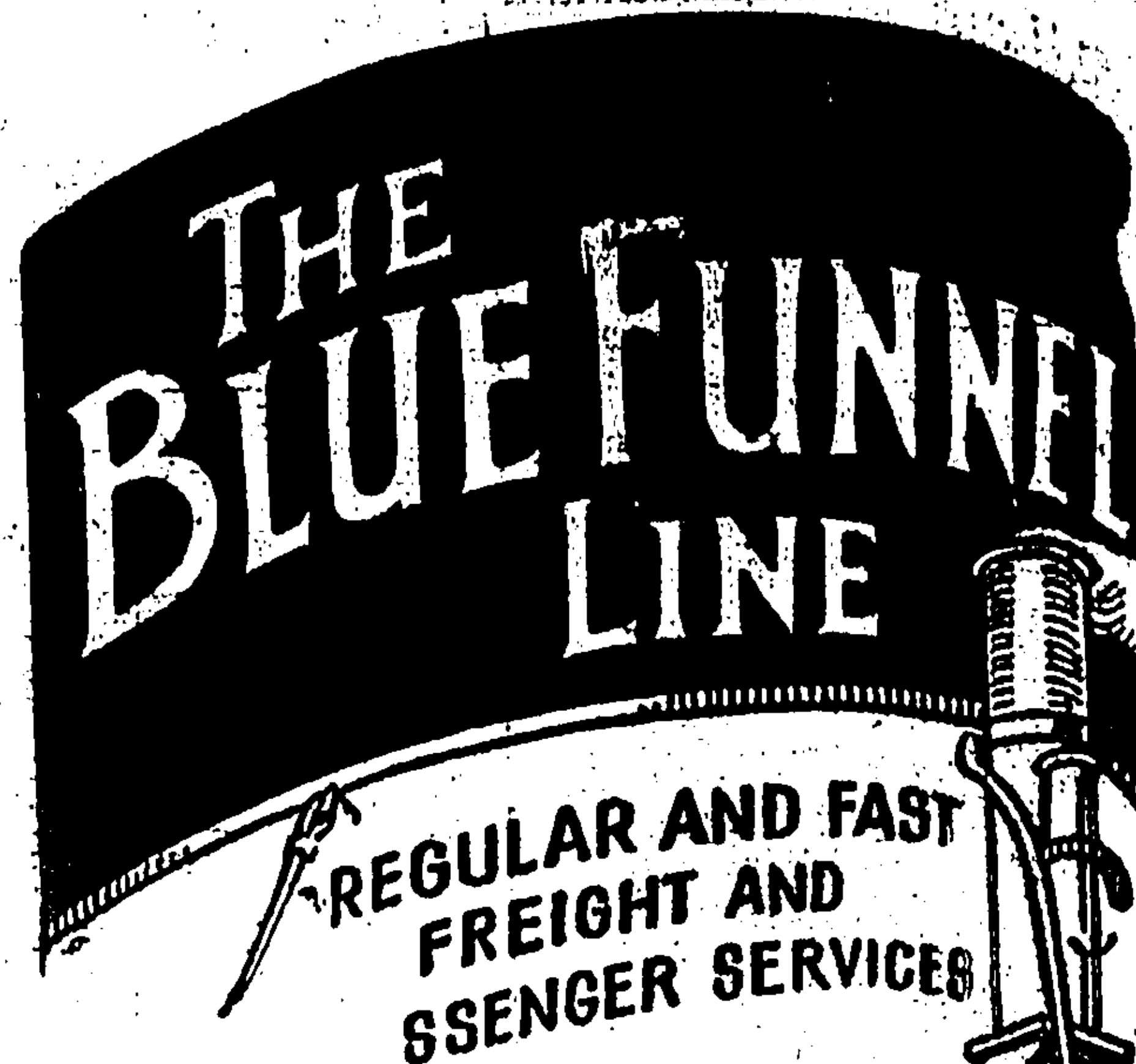
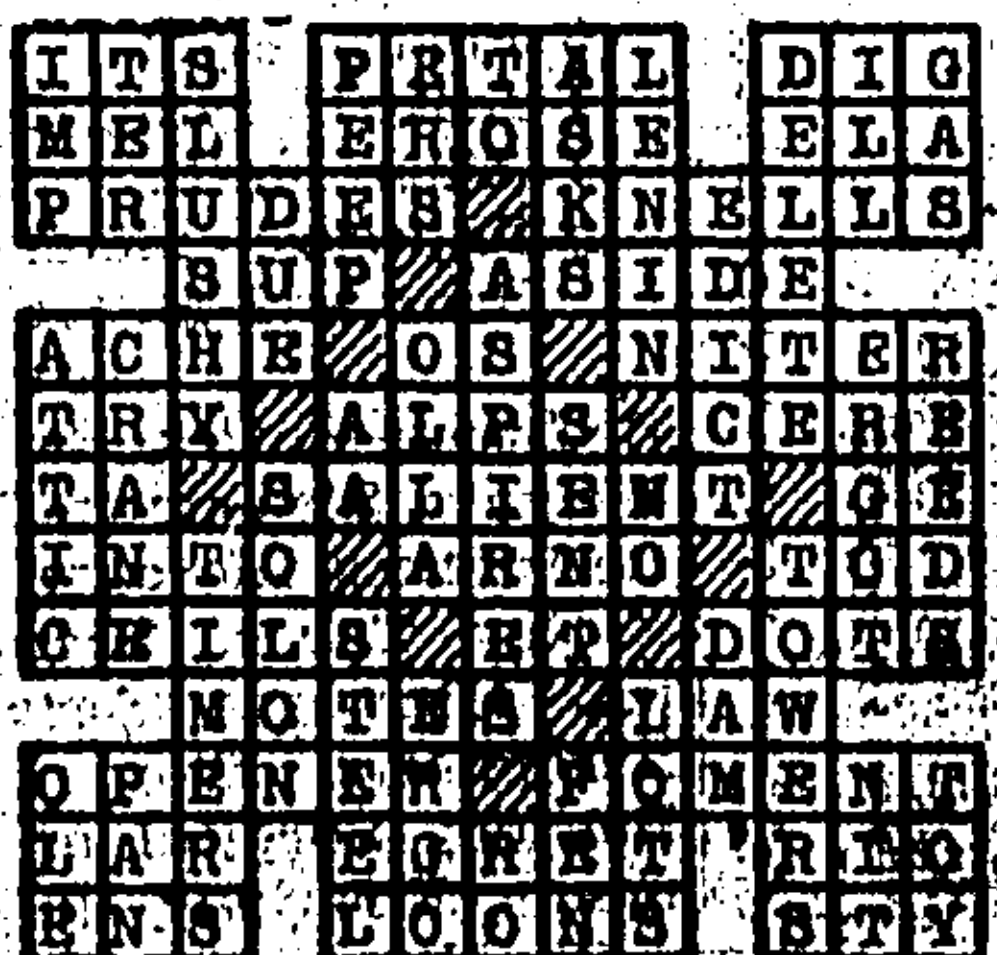
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- 4 Symbol for sodium chloride
- 5 To overturn
- 6 To demolish
- 7 Wrath
- 8 Symbol for selenium
- 9 Norse war god
- 10 To exhibit changing colours
- 11 To interpret

#### Sea in

- 16 Sea in Russian
- 17 Turkistan
- 17 Civil wrong
- 20 Receptions
- 22 Japanese measure
- 25 Parts
- 26 Prefix: three
- 27 Decorates
- 28 Edible seed
- 29 Constellation
- 31 Japanese coin
- 33 Bitter vetch
- 34 Amazon estuary
- 36 Foam
- 37 Game of chance
- 39 Teutonic deity
- 40 Winds spirally
- 41 Winged
- 42 Greek goddess
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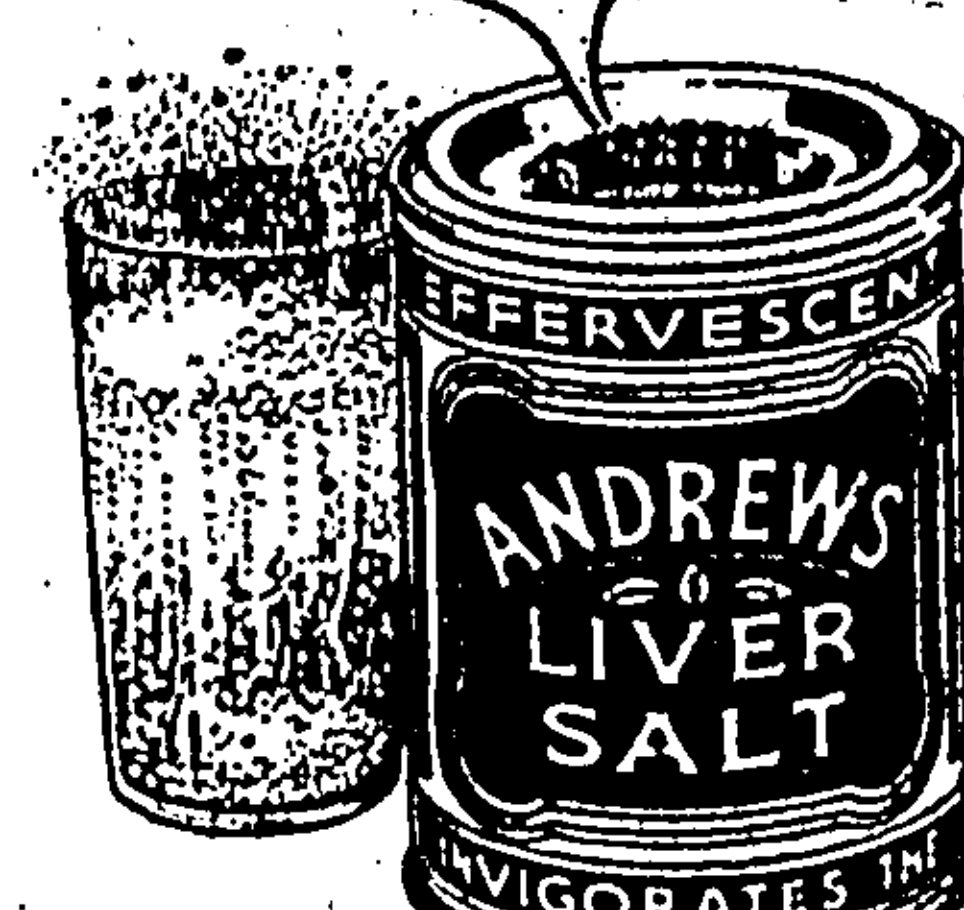
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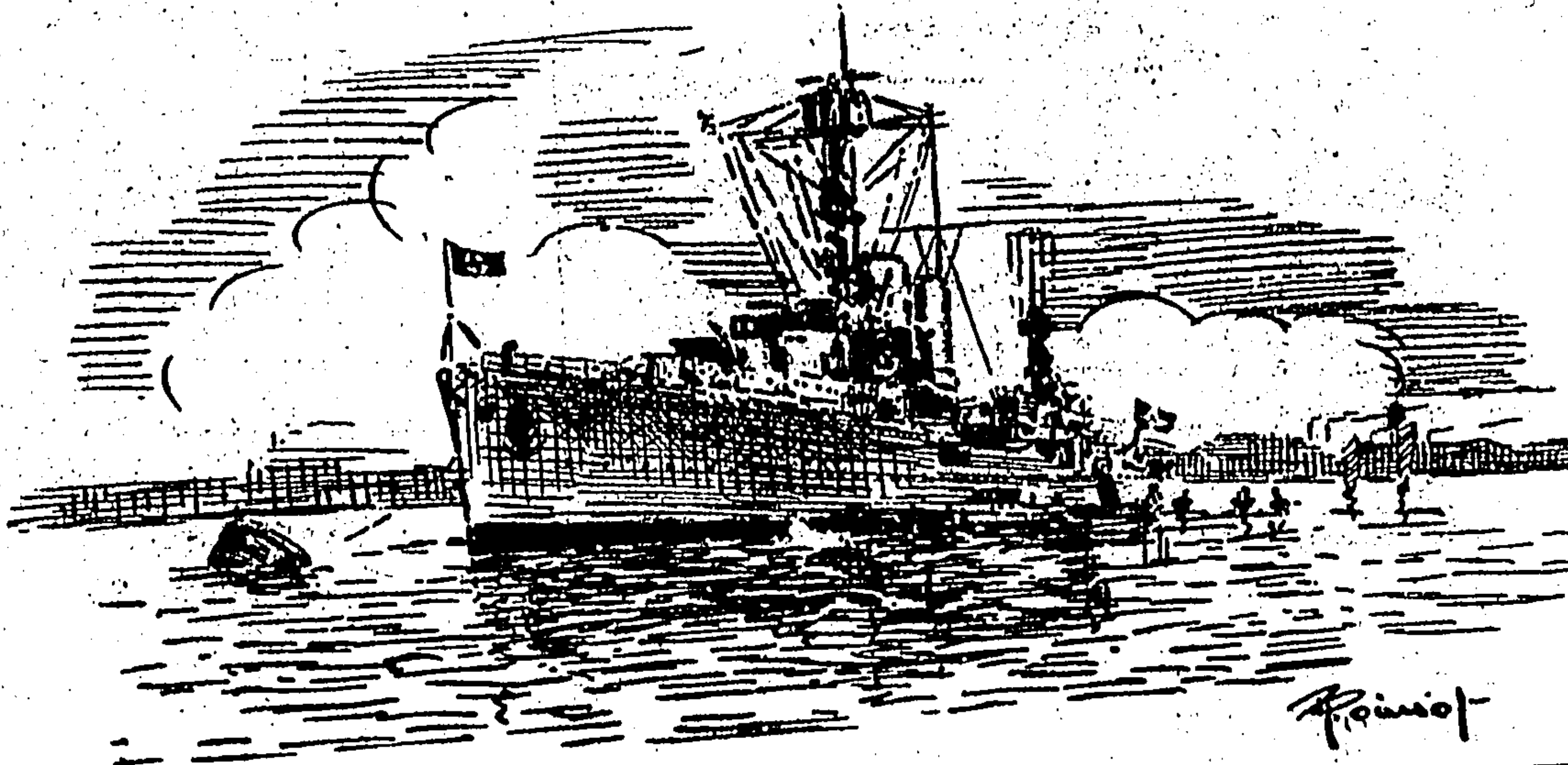


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## PARIS BLUE-OUT

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There were 506 fatal accidents last year in the Seine Department—in which Paris is situated—compared with 453 in 1938—a rise of only fifty-three—or less than 12 per cent. for the year.

The Paris black-out is more correctly a "blue-out," for even in side-streets there is a small blue lamp every 100 or 200 feet.—Reuter.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Chan Shu, 22, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for house-breaking.

Defendant was caught in the ground floor of No. 446, Lockhart Road at about 4.25 a.m. to-day. A chisel and a pen knife were found in his possession.

Defendant was also recommended for banishment.

## EUROPEAN GIRL BITTEN BY A DOG

A dog belonging to Dr. M. Nicolson of No. 6, Tak Shing Street, yesterday bit Susan Grimshaw on the face while she was playing with it. The girl was treated privately, while the dog was sent to Mautaukok for observation.

Mrs. Sargent, of No. 14, Breezy Point, lost her handbag, snatched by a Chinese in Breezy Path yesterday afternoon. The handbag was later recovered without the contents.

## ROUGHLY HANDLED BY ROBBERS

MRS. PAULINE LEE, OF NO. 7, CHING FUNG STREET, WAS ROUGHLY HANDLED DURING AN UNSUCCESSFUL ROBBERY AT ABOUT 4 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Lee was sitting in the parlour when her amah Ah Yin was opening the door to allow a friend to leave.

As the door opened, four Chinese forced their way in.

One approached Mrs. Lee and caught hold of her by the throat and threatened to kill her if she screamed. A second man held the amah and her friend, while a third one began to search the flat. The fourth stood outside.

Suddenly, the man outside shouted and the men left hurriedly without stealing anything.

## FOUND HANGING

A 45-year-old Chinese, Luk Yu, was found dead hanging on a tree at Fuk Ting Street, Un Long, yesterday.

Mr. E. T. McMullen, of the Canadian Pacific Railways, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning for parking overtime in Connaught Road car park. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

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Wo Choi-fok, winner of the throwing the discus event, at the Chun Kwong Girls school Sports.

## SHANGHAI RECORD VOTE

Shanghai, To-day.  
The election status quo was maintained, all the candidates in the Anglo-American camp being returned.  
There was a record vote of 13,098.—Reuter.

## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.  
The Government has just received a Note from the Polish Legation in China condemning the German and Russian action in Poland. — Havas.

## SUCCESS KNOWN TOO LATE FOR COMMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.  
The result of the Council elections was known too late to be commented on by the morning newspapers.  
The interest displayed by the population was proved by the hundreds of telephone calls received by all newspapers throughout the night. — Havas.



The office group not infrequently was the life of the party the night before.

## STABILISED PRICES IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.  
The provisional Political Council has passed a resolution recommending the stabilisation of commodity prices, and embodying the following suggestions which have been forwarded to the Government:—

Firstly, creation of a "national commodity price readjustment committee."

Secondly, utilisation of idle capital for productive purposes.

Thirdly, limitation of merchants' profits.

Fourthly, prohibition of competition between the Government and private concerns.

Fifthly, large-scale distribution of daily necessities.

Sixthly, setting-up retail agents. — Havas.



Sir Atholl seems to be enjoying this tug-of-war at the Children's playground Association sports, just as much as the youngsters.

## THE BALKAN PROBLEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.  
The importance of the Balkan problem was again brought to the fore when the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, yesterday received General Weygand, French army chief in the Near East, and M. Massigli, French Ambassador

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20-9/16 spot and 20-1/2 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York London £—U.S.\$356-1/4.

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We have, however, another two new members to the 200 Club, one of them a young student named R. Chan from Lingnam University. I have noticed this youngster's performance gradually getting better and better from day to day, and felt quite certain that he must eventually reach the 200 mark and thus be entitled to become a member of the Club. This honour he attained on April 5, making the really creditable score of 208.

His effort was as follows:—

Commencing with an eight on his first frame, he then bagged strikes on his second, third, fourth and fifth frames—four in a row—then a spare on his sixth frame, a strike on his seventh and eighth frame, a miss on his ninth to make a nine, a strike on his tenth frame, finishing up with nine with his two extra balls.

This is good going and demonstrates the fact that it does not require age and experience to get results. I prophesy some interesting scores to be commented upon in future "Jottings."

### ANOTHER MEMBER

Another welcome member to our 200 Club is R. E. Skiver, of U.S.S. Mindanao, a more experienced bowler than young Chan. Skiver has been trying hard to make this very coveted honour, and finally succeeded on Tuesday by bagging 201!!!—he just did it! On many occasions he has been very close, scoring anything from 180 to 199.

He has now at last achieved his ambition, and the congratulations of his fellow members of the 200 Club are heartily extended to him.

On April 6, W. L. Barney, of U.S.S. Tulsa put up a very fine Duck Pin score—he made 139—to do which he had to make five spares and a strike. All Duck Pin players will agree with me that to make 139 at Duck Pins requires concentration, good footwork and a clear eye.

I would strongly recommend Vasko of the Tulsa to remember that if he is in need of a good Duck Pin player for his team sometime he will find a very useful player in Barney.

Barney's score of 139, by the way, is so far the record, for the month, and it will be very hard to beat.

Up to the time of writing the records for the month for Ten Pins and Duck Pins are as follows:—

Mrs. Horton is top scorer for Ten Pins for Ladies with 183 to her credit, and Corp. H. Blount, with 229 to his credit, leads the Men.

For Duck Pins Mrs. Soong has registered 126 for the Ladies and, as I have mentioned above, W. L. Barney of U.S.S. Tulsa, 139 for the Men.

I can expect some really keen efforts to beat the above scores before the end of the month.

### SECOND SINGLES HANDICAP COMPETITION

This very popular competition will be on the way within the next two or three days, the rather arduous task of allotting handicaps being about completed. In the course of the next two or three days, the draw will be published in these columns.

Delay in getting this competition started was due to the fact that several entrants were very tardy in submitting their scores on the score-card supplied them for the purpose.

The competition is going to be a bumper one, there being no fewer than 47 entrants, and I expect that

## Baffin Bay's Belated Challenge JOHNBER AND FOR ALL TIME DISAPPOINT

(By "RAPIER")

A FAIRLY LARGE CROWD of racing fans gathered last Saturday at the Valley to witness the running of the Third Extra Race Meeting, which was conducted under ideal weather conditions. With the track in a medium to fast state, racing on the whole was quite exhilarating, with the various events keenly contested.

Mr. L. B. Chao was the most successful jockey with two wins and a second, while Mr. Li Po-chun headed the list of leading owners with a first and third.

The first race, the Canton Handicap (First Section), over the two mile post distance, was contested by Novice Jockeys who were given mounts on "D" Class China ponies. On the rise of the barrier Sunlight View (Mr. Chanson Feng) jumped out to take the lead, followed by Wilber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), Chatterbox (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai), West Lake (Mr. S. W. Lee), This Time (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and the others. This order was maintained until just after passing the Rock, when West Lake overhauled the leaders followed by Sunlight View, Wilber, Chatterbox and Some Hope (Mr. Chiu Ki-fon), and on nearing the last quarter Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai sent Chatterbox forward to take second place and then started his chase after West Lake, which it managed to pass on nearing the band stand. In the meantime Some Hope was also coming up very strongly to oust West Lake, but its belated challenge was not sufficient to upset Chatterbox, which went on to win with 1½ lengths to spare. Some Hope had to be satisfied with second place, and Wilber took the other minor position, a length behind after a fine comeback over the last 100 yards.

### BELATED CHALLENGE

What may be described as the best race of the day was seen in the Brisbane Spring Handicap, over two miles, which was contested for the first time by Australian ponies of any season, and those who saw the finish will long remember the thrill which it provided.

Far View and Sapper, the two crack ponies of this year's importation, which had to carry 165 and 163 lbs. respectively, did not participate and in their absence Baffin Bay

during its progress I will have some interesting results to comment upon.

### QUAINT NOM DE PLUMES

It is rather amusing to see some of the nom de plumes of players on the Bowling Alley score-sheets, especially those entered by H. B. M. Naval men, and I have often wondered where their thoughts were at the time they placed their names on the score sheets. I have made a few notes of several of them.

One sheet I examined had "three players who styled themselves, Champion, Two Year Old and Mug.

Another sheet was inscribed—and in this case one of the sailors must evidently have read the "Tower of London"—Og, Gog and Magog.

Another four players registered themselves as Tou, Me, Thou and the Chump; yet another four described themselves as Colossus, Giant, Gulliver and Tarzon.

I was very surprised to see Mary Pickford, Ginger Rogers, Gladys Cooper and Fay Compton as nom de plumes for another four of our Naval friends; evidently these actresses have a local following! Of course there have also been some names on the sheets which have not been entirely complimentary, but as every player entered into the fun and spirit of the game the names did not matter much!



(Mr. Hearne), newly acquired by the Zylch Stable, was made hot favourite.

The start saw Courting Eve (Mr. Pih) run away into a commanding lead, followed some distance behind by Amicus Curiae (Mr. Tao), Triumphant Day (Mr. H. M. Botelho), Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), Sparrow (Mr. Black) and Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kul-ying). Passing the Rock for the first time Courting Eve was still leading by quite a big margin from Amicus Curiae, Triumphant Day, Australian Diamond and Sparrow.

On reaching the Rock for the second time, however, Courting Eve was beginning to weaken on account of its early fast run. On rounding the bend Amicus Curiae and Australian Diamond passed the leader with Baffin Bay lying fourth. Coming down the straight Amicus Curiae and Australian Diamond were battling it out for supremacy, but Baffin Bay came up with a rush; only to be blocked and Mr. Hearne had no alternative but to take the rails position thus losing valuable ground at the critical stage of the race and, although it passed Australian Diamond, it was unable to overhaul Amicus Curiae. Try as he did, Mr. Hearne had to admit defeat by a short head with Australian Diamond third, two lengths away.

It was a most interesting race to watch, and credit must be given to Mr. Tao, who handled Amicus Curiae with fine judgment. On the other hand, Baffin Bay's defeat must be attributed to Mr. Hearne's belated challenge, for had he given Baffin Bay its head before reaching the 1-1/4 mile gate it would probably have won, or perhaps he underestimated the ability of Amicus Curiae to last out the distance.

### JUST IN TIME WINS

The third race, the Fatsan Handicap (First Section), over 1-1/4 miles, resulted in a win for Just In Time (Mr. Wei) the favourite.

Musketeer (Mr. Liang), as usual, went in front, followed by National Pride (Mr. H. M. Botelho), Rose-Queen (Mr. Ip Kul-ying) and the ultimate winner, Just In Time, kept nicely behind and only after rounding the bend did it come to the front. Despite Mr. Needa's effort on Galveston Bay he could make no impression on Just In Time, which came in an easy winner by three lengths. Boolat Bay (Mr. Black) came through on the outside to take third position a short head behind Galveston Bay.

In this race Messrs. Trevorton and Tang Man Wa were unseated from their respective ponies, Rose Evelyn and Pinfarthings, the former when going to the starting gate and the latter after passing the Rock during the race. Luckily neither jockey suffered any ill-effect.

### A GREAT TIME SURPRISES

The fourth race, the Hobart Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies over a mile, provided an upset. Carrying 160 lbs., Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black) was made favourite but failed to get a place. The race started with Derby Day (Mr. S. W. Tang) shooting out on the rise of the barrier followed by Bruno (Mr. Trevorton), Ascot Day (Mr. Chao), Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) and A Great Time (Mr. Tao). On rounding the bend Mr. Chao sent Ascot Day out in front, which position it maintained to the finish. In the meantime a great struggle ensued between A Great Time, a rank outsider, and Sydney Lad (Mr. Hearne), third favourite, for the second position, which the former won by two lengths to pay \$61.60, the biggest dividend of the day.

### TWO DISAPPOINTMENTS

Backers of Johnber for a win, and of For All Time for a win and place in the fifth race, the Kongmun Handicap over the two

### MANILA GIRLS' TEAM FOR H.K.

The "China Mail" learns that the Chung Hwa basketball team, champions of the Chinese Y. W. C. A. in Manila, will sail for Hong Kong on Sunday for a series of games here.

After the Hong Kong series, the Chinese girls will proceed to Singapore, and Java and will play three games in each city. Most of these girls played against Hong Kong last year. The trip will mark the first occasion that the Manila Chinese girls have been abroad.

mile post, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double," received a terrible shock when Johnber took only second position and For All Time ran unplaced. It was left to Onagh (Mr. P. P. Botelho), second string jockey of the Zylch Stable, to spring a surprise. Johnber's failure was no doubt due to the heavy weight of 168 lbs which it carried.

Eve of Folly (Mr. Proulx) took the lead from the start with Onagh, For All Time (Mr. Wei), Distinctive Time (Mr. Tao) and Johnber (Mr. Chao) in that order. On passing the Rock Distinctive Time went up with a great burst of speed to take the lead, which it held until the mile post was reached, when Onagh, which was lying second all along, passed it and went on to win by threequarters of a length from Johnber, which came up very late to beat Distinctive Time by a short head for second place.

### FAVOURITE FAILS

The sixth race, the St. Kilda Handicap over the mile for "D" Class Australian ponies, saw the favourite, Brown Derby (Mr. Chao) let its backers down badly. Pumelo (Mr. Pih) took up the running from the start with Heinz (Mr. S. W. Tang) in close attendance, followed by Brown Derby and the others. Heinz led on passing the football stands until after passing the half mile post, when Brown Derby, hard ridden by its jockey, passed it but, although it gained a big lead, it was unable to provide a finish to last the distance. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy) and Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) passed it when the mile post was reached and these two ponies fought out the finish with Shuttlecock winning by 1½ lengths. Income Tax (Mr. Liang) was third, 1½ lengths behind.

### WINS IN CANTER

The seventh race, the Fatsan Handicap (Second Section), which was the second leg of the "Daily Double," gave Mr. Chao his second win of the afternoon when he brought Advancing Time in to win by many lengths. The race started with Advancing Time taking the lead, followed by Soldier of Britain (Mr. F. F. Li) and Celtic Star (Mr. Tao). On reaching the two mile post Advancing Time held a very substantial lead, so much so that it was never seriously challenged. With a great burst of speed, Scenic View (Mr. Pih) managed to beat Soldier of Britain to take second place. There were 21 tickets on Advancing Time in the "Daily Double," and each received the sum of \$340.80.

### ITS THIRD WIN

Carrying 165 lbs. Many Thanks (Mr. Davis) secured its third successive win—although it was disqualified the first time it won—when it carried off the Broken Hill Handicap over six furlongs for Australian ponies of this season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes. The finish was quite interesting, with Franklin (Mr. Liang) making a great effort to steal the race, but Many Thanks was in a happy mood and as soon as Mr. Davis called on it, it gave of its best and in no time passed Franklin to win by two lengths with Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), which had a flying start, coming in third, ahead of Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa), second favourite.

Many Thanks will bear watching, even when promoted to "A" Class, as this pony was at one time considered among the best four of this year's ponies.

### FIRST WIN AT VALLEY

Contested by Novice Jockeys, the last race of the day, the Canton Handicap (Second Section), over the two mile post for "D" Class China ponies, gave Mr. S. W. Lee (on Portrush) his second win at the Valley—his first winner was disqualified when he won on Boolat Bay in the West River Handicap last year.

The race started with Portrush taking the lead, followed by Golden Cow (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), Ascot Vale (Mr. Sequeira) and Double Chance (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai). On coming into the straight it still led and its win was a foregone conclusion, although Mr. Sequeira tried his best to catch up with it. Portrush has been regarded more as a sprinter, and in lasting out the distance it took everyone by surprise. Those who backed it were rewarded with \$50.10 for a win. Double Chance was third, two lengths behind, having the better of Golden Cow, the favourite. I certainly expected Golden Cow to do better, and it will bear watching at future meetings.



## SCHOOLS' SPORTS

# MENDONCA, CHEUNG AND RUYTERS SHARE INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC sports meeting of St. Joseph's College, was held at Caroline Hill yesterday. All the events were carried off without a hitch, and, one new record, for the shot-put, was created.

Victor Mendonca won the Senior Championship and the Junior Championship went to Joseph Cheung. Midget champion was Andre Ruyters.

## THE RESULTS

Following were the results:—  
Long Jump (Senior):—1, K. Singh and S. Silva; 2, Cheng Koon-hong; 3, Tsui Chung-chee.

Long Jump (Junior):—1, Lim Siu-kiat; 2, Lam Ngai-hung; 3, B. Omar.

Boarders' Race (Junior):—1, T. Vangtal; 2, B. Ching.

High Jump (Senior):—1, Ip Ping-kong; 2, Cheng Koon-hong; 3, Tsui Chung-chee.

High Jump (Junior):—1, T. Vangtal; 2, B. M. Omar; 3, Tsang To-ming.

Boarders' Race (Senior):—1, Tsui Chung-chee; 2, Cheng Koon-hong.

Putting the Shot (Senior):—1, V. Kryssanoff; 2, R. Silva. Distance, 45 ft. (record). Previous best, 41 ft. 6 ins.

50 Metres (Midget):—1, A. Ruyters; 2, Yuen Chan-fan; 3, O. A. Wahab.

100 Metres (Junior):—1, Sung Kam-cheong; 2, J. Cheung; 3, T. Vangtal.

100 Metres (Senior):—1, P. Fung; 2, V. Mendonca; 3, R. Ho.

400 Metres (Midget):—1, A. Ruyters; 2, Yuen Chan-fan; 3, O. A. Wahab.

400 Metres (Junior):—1, Joseph Cheung; 2, J. Castilho; 3, Ko Kok-hoo.

400 Metres (Senior):—1, V. Mendonca; 2, S. Silva; 3, K. Singh.

200 Metres (open to boys of La Salle College):—1, A. P. Silva; 2, L. Xavier.

50 Metres (Infants):—1, R. Ruyters; 2, P. Nguyen; 3, G. Soenderam.

100 Metres (Midget):—1, A. Ruyters; 2, Yuen Chan-fan; 3, Chan Sui-teng.

800 Metres (Junior):—1, J. Bucks; 2, S. Ebrahim; 3, M. Sunan.

800 Metres (Senior):—1, P. Rull; 2, Chow Hok-chung; 3, A. K. Kadir.

200 Metres (Midget):—1, A. Ruyters; 2, D. Thompson; 3, O. A. Wahab.

200 Metres (Junior):—1, Sung Kam-cheong; 2, J. Cheung; 3, Ho Kok-hoo.

200 Metres (Senior):—1, V. Mendonca; 2, P. Fung; 3, Gascon.

Scouts' Race:—1, Tsui Chung-chee; 2, R. Luk.

Cubs' Race:—1, D. Thompson; 2, G. Wong.

110 Metres High Hurdles (Senior):—1, V. Mendonca; 2, J. Gascon; 3, Cheng Koong-hong.

1,500 Metres (Junior):—1, J. Bucks; 2, J. Castilho; 3, S. Ebrahim.

1,500 Metres (Senior):—1, C. M. P. Madan; 2, S. Silva; 3, P. Rull.

Potato Race (Small Boys):—1, P. Nguyen; 2, S. Samy.

100 Metres Handicap (Open to pupils of St. Francis School):—1, Miss Mary Toledo; 2, Miss Rosita Tobias.

Invitation Relay (Open to all schools of the Colony):—1, La Salle College; 2, Queen's College.

400 Metres (Open to St. Joseph's Old Boys):—1, A. Leonard; 2, A. Alves; 3, A. Sequeira.

Invitation Relay (Open to Convent Schools):—1, French Convent; 2, Maryknoll.

Inter-class Relay (Midgets):—1, 7a; 2, 5a.

Inter-class Relay (Junior):—1, 5b; 2, 5c.

Inter-class Relay (Senior):—1, Commercial; 2, Matriculation.

Staff Relay:—1, P. Felix's team.

6,000 Metres Bicycle Race (Open to the Colony):—1, R. Remedios; 2, A. Sandberg.

3,000 Metres Bicycle Race (Senior):—1, Yu Tong-lun; 2, Ip Wing-kin; 3, W. Sam.

Inter-class Tug-of-War (Junior):—Winner, 4D.

Inter-class Tug-of-War (Senior):—Winner, Commercial.

Apple eating Contest:—1, A. M. Wahab; 2, Ho Yew-beng.

Senior Champion:—Victor Mendonca.

Junior Champion:—Joseph Cheung.

Midget Champion:—Andre Ruyters.

## BUMPER BASEBALL SEASON ENVISAGED

Though the local baseball season will not start until the middle of May it is understood that several new teams will apply for admission to the League.

"Sing Tao Jih Tao"—A Chinese newspaper concern — Ewo Brewery, Hong Kong Brewery, Eastern, Ling Nam University and Royal Engineers are among these teams.

With Recreio, Hong Kong Baseball Club, Chinese Baseball Club, South China and Mindanao contemplating re-entry, the League this season should be an interesting one.

Union Brewery, winners of the League last season, may not be competing.



Chinese girls international soft ball team which defeated Britain last Sunday.

## WAH YAN COLLEGE SPORTS

Kowloon Branch of Wah Yan College, held their annual sports at Kowloon Football Club yesterday.

Following were the results:—

## THE RESULTS

100 metres, Senior:—1, Lo Yue-shou; 2, Robert Yue, (Time, 12.2 secs.). Junior:—1, Mak Po-she; 2, Peter Kwok (Time, 13 secs.). Midgets:—1, Fok Yuk-man; 2, Lee Kwok-wai (Time, 13.2 secs.).

High Jump, Senior:—1, Lo Yue-shou; 2, Lam Hung-hong. Height, 5 ft. 3½ ins.).

Three-Legged Race Midgets:—1, Lam Kwok-kueng; 2, Lau Kam-chuen.

800 Metres, Senior:—1, Fong Ding-ping; 2, Cheng Wing-kwong. (Time, 2 mins. 32 secs.). Junior:—1, Lee Kung-woon; 2, Ho Ling-hui, (Time, 2 mins. 39.2 secs.).

Sack Race, Midgets:—1, Yu Man-lun; 2, Lau Kam-chuen.

200 Metres, Senior:—1, Lo Yue-shou; 2, Robert Yue, (Time, 25 secs.). Junior:—1, Mak Po-she; 2, Hwang Shiu-hang. (Time, 28.3 secs.). Midgets:—1, Lee Kwok-wai; 2, Tang Yan-fat. (Time, 30 secs.).

200 Metres, Wah Yan College, H.K.:—1, Francis Chan; 2, Lai Chung-yin. (Time, 25.3 secs.).

400 Metres, Senior:—1, Fong Ding-ping; 2, Wong Chi-cheung (Time, 60.6 secs.). Junior:—1, Peter Kwok; 2, Tang Kwing-yiu (Time, 68.6 secs.).

Obstacle Race, Midgets:—1, Chan Yuet-shing; 2, Ng Luen-fai. Junior:—1, Leung Yuk-hang, 2, Ho Ling-hui.

Three-Legged Race, Junior:—1, Yau Yiu-wah and Lee Kung-woon; 2, Hon Che-hoi and Chan Yiu-chung.

200 Metres, Junior, Wah Yee College:—1, Fung Choi-tak; 2, Shek Chung-ye. (Time, 30 secs.).

1,500 Metres, (Open to the Colony):—1, Pte. Manson; 2, N. Reynolds; 2, Heung Kut-sang. (Time, 4 mins. 52 secs.).

400 Metres, Wah Yan College H.K.:—1, Phillip Fung; 2, Lam Kwok-leung. (Time,



61 secs.). Invitation Relay Race, (Open to the Schools of the Colony):—Wah Yan College (H.K.). (Time, 2 mins. 3.4 secs.).

Inter-House Relay Race (Senior):—1, Blue; 2, White; 3, Red. Junior:—1, Red; 2, Blue; 3, Green. Midgets:—1, Red; 2, Blue; 3, Green.

200 Metres Senior, Wah Yee College:—1, Li Chi-wan; 2, Lee Chan-kwong.

High Jump Junior:—1, Peter Kwok; 2, Mak Po-she; 3, Wong Hon-sang. (Height, 4 ft. 4 ins.).

200 Metres, Old Boys' Race:—1, Heung Kut-sang; 2, Lau Kam-lam.

1,500 Metres (Brawn Challenge Cup):—1, Fong Ding-ping; 2, Leung Ping-yuen; 2, Kwong Chung-so. (Time, 5 mins. 40 secs.).

Inter-House Tug-o-War:—1, Blue House; 2, Orange House.

Consolation Race:—1, Leung Ping-pui; 2, Cheng Kim-kwong.

Long Jump, Senior:—1, Robert Yue; 2, Lam Hung-hong. (Distance, 18 ft. 6½ ins.).

Record, Junior:—1, Mak Po-she; 2, Chan Yiu-chung. (Distance, 15 ft. 5½ ins.).

Shot-put, Senior:—1, Lo Yue-shou; 2, Tsang Pui-wai. (Distance, 38 ft. 5 ins. Record).

Individual Championships, Senior:—1, Lo Yue-shou; 2, Robert Yue. Junior:—1, Mak Po-she; 2, Peter Kwok.

House Championships:—1, Blue; 2, White.

## D.B.S. SPORTS OFF

The annual athletic meeting of the Diocesan Boys' School, scheduled to take place this morning on the School ground, has been postponed until Wednesday at the same time, 11 a.m.—4 p.m. The heats, which should have been held yesterday, were postponed owing to the rain.



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# FOOTBALL NOTES

(By "REFEREE")

THANKS to the co-operation of other clubs, Eastern have completed their League fixtures and are now assured of the runners-up position for the season, but there seems little likelihood of the season finishing at the end of this month as anticipated for, with another week to go, there are still a number of games to be played. Civilian teams are finding it extremely difficult to play during mid week.

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## Title For South China

SOUTH CHINA, who meet Navy to-morrow should secure the necessary point to give them the championship for the third year in succession to equal the now defunct Chinese Athletic record. South China "A" have, however, not won the championship for the past three years as in 1936-7 their "B" team won the title.

South China have twice striven to win the competition in three successive years. After winning it for the two previous years they were beaten by one point in the 1936-37 season by Royal Ulster Rifles.

## Runners-Up Position Undecided

INTEREST in Junior Division still remains, in that the runners-up position for the title is still undecided. 30th Battery, winners of Junior Shield, meet Engineers to-morrow in the first game of the play-off for that position.

Service Corps lost an invaluable point last Saturday when they were held to a draw by International. They play their last game to-morrow against Electric and should win, in which case they will have to again play 24th Royal Artillery for the title, in which event an excellent game should be witnessed.

The Final of the Artillery cup will be played on Monday on St. Joseph's ground. 24th R.A. are one of the finalists.

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## Tickets For Lai Wah Cup Gratis

MEMBERS of Hong Kong Football Club are reminded that tickets are available for the Final of the Lai

Wah Cup competition and can be had on application to their Hon. Secretary at the Club House. A limited number have been allowed by the Football Association in lieu of the 10 per cent. of the gate for the use of the ground but tickets not taken up 15 minutes before the start of game will be sold at the entrance to the ground.

Another point is that although a portion of the main stand is reserved for Club members, any vacant seats 15 minutes before the start of the game

will be thrown open to the public, if the rest of the stand is full.

## Lau's Good Game In Strange Position

LAU TAU-MAN, South China "A" left winger played a good game at right half against Police last Sunday and it is a pity he was not thought of for that position in the Shield final.

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Taken during the International Softball tussle between China and Britain last Sunday.

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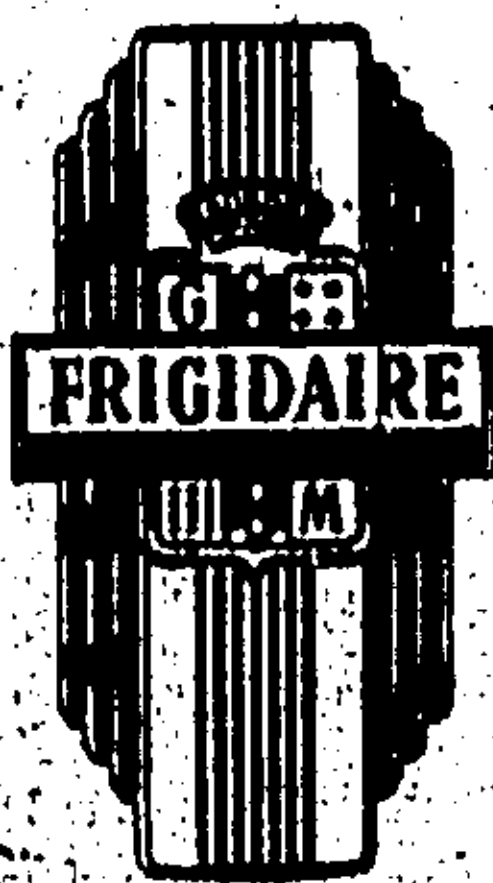
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## BADMINTON NOTES

K. L. YONG PLAYS WELL  
IN "NEEDLE" MATCH

M. S. Lim Attacked By Cramp In His Second Game

LINE-UP CHANGES  
ACHIEVE LITTLE FOR  
CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

By "ADREM"

WITH THE DATES OF the finals in the annual tournaments fixed, Senior Division decided, Junior Division virtually decided, and Mixed Doubles Division on the way, this month should see the close of the badminton season.

I cannot confess to great surprise at University's victory over Chinese "Y" on Wednesday, although I did not think they would get home by such a large margin.

The return of Yong to the team made a world of difference and so successful was his partnership with C. K. Lee—the first time they have paired off in the League this season according to my records—that three games were secured from this one pair.

Yong's form, in League and championship matches recently has been most variable to say the least, but he rose to the occasion in fine style on Wednesday, to give a rousing display. Lee was never brilliant but he was eminently sound, preferring quiet methods to spectacular and proving most efficient in consequence.

Hui was strangely erratic and although he did pull out some of the amazing shots for which he is noted, he gave the impression of being somewhat out of practice.

## CHEW PLAYED WELL

Chew was not to blame for the lost game against Koh and Au as he kept his mistakes down to a minimum, while bringing off those cleverly disguised overhead drops, which are a prominent feature of his game.

M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun were unable to take the measure of Au and Koh in their first game but they made no mistake against the youthful Lau-Chung combination. Unfortunately, in the course of this latter game, Lim was attacked by cramp and, although he managed to complete the game, albeit obviously suffering great pain, he decided against playing the final game, as the issue, by that time, had already been decided.

Changes in Chinese "Y's" line-up failed to accomplish the effect that was hoped for. Wong's normal partner, F. Koh, with whom he would most certainly have won two games, paired off with C. Au with whom he only suffered one defeat. Koh was very reliable and this factor, combined with Au's general brilliance, was responsible for the success achieved.

H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, who played brilliantly in the previous matches, could not get together. Chung played some nice shots, especially those of the more aggressive variety, but Chung was inclined to be awkward and was beaten fairly frequently.

## STANDARD DISAPPOINTS

Generally speaking the standard was not as high as was to be expected in a game of this description, and errors abounded in all of the games.

University have once again proved themselves the strongest

team in the Colony and are to be congratulated on their fourth successive title.

They are still in the running for Mixed Doubles Division but as the fixtures in this division are somewhat behind, it is not yet easy to comment on their prospects of achieving the double for the second year in succession.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



## POSITION OF CLUBFACE AND BALL

By BEST BALL

Little items of play which often are disregarded by the average golfer are yet important enough to seriously affect one's play. Consider for instance the position of the ball in respect to the clubhead at address in iron shots. If the toe of the clubface is aligned with the ball exactly in front of it, the player is apt to discover his feet are too far away at address to allow an efficient stroke. In reaching for the ball during the swing, he so disturbs the position of his body that all accuracy is lost.

In addition to this fault, the toe being the weakest part of the clubface is apt to disappoint the golfer as far as distance requirements go even if a good contact is made. There is also little margin left for error. A better performance can be made if the player will align the clubhead with the ball near the heel of the club. There is plenty of solid backing here to strike the sphere with. Furthermore the golfer can retain a more upright and more consistent position in swinging.

Next Article—Firmness Does It.

## LEAGUE TABLES

## MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

|             | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Recrelo "A" | 7  | 7  | 0  | 51 | 12 | 14  |
| University  | 7  | 6  | 1  | 44 | 19 | 12  |
| St. John's  | 8  | 5  | 3  | 44 | 28 | 10  |
| Recrelo "B" | 7  | 2  | 5  | 35 | 29 | 4   |
| Talkoo      | 9  | 1  | 8  | 16 | 65 | 2   |
| K.C.C.      | 7  | 1  | 5  | 13 | 50 | 2   |

## "A" DIVISION

|                | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| University "A" | 8  | 7  | 1  | 31 | 12 | 14  |
| Chinese "Y"    | 8  | 7  | 1  | 54 | 18 | 14  |
| Recrelo        | 6  | 2  | 4  | 19 | 35 | 4   |
| University "B" | 6  | 1  | 5  | 15 | 29 | 2   |
| Chung Wah      | 6  | 0  | 6  | 6  | 30 | 0   |

\* Won play-off.

BADMINTON  
PAIRINGS

Following are leading pairings in "A" and Mixed Doubles division of the Badminton League:

## "A" DIVISION

|                                             | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts |
|---------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| C. Au and H. Koh (C.Y.M.C.A.)               | 21 | 5  | 16 |    |    |     |
| P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")    | 15 | 3  | 12 |    |    |     |
| P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese Y.M.C.A.) | 12 | 2  | 10 |    |    |     |
| P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (University "A")   | 12 | 2  | 9  |    |    |     |
| P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)  | 9  | 1  | 8  |    |    |     |
| C. K. Lee and H. F. Chew (University "A")   | 12 | 5  | 7  |    |    |     |
| M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva (Recrelo)    | 12 | 5  | 7  |    |    |     |
| T. J. Ong and F. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)     | 6  | 0  | 6  |    |    |     |
| S. C. Chung and H. M. Lau (Chinese "Y")     | 12 | 6  | 6  |    |    |     |

## MIXED DOUBLES

|                                                  | P. | W. | L. | F. | A. | Pts |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios (Recrelo "A") | 21 | 2  | 19 |    |    |     |
| Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok (St. John's)          | 24 | 8  | 16 |    |    |     |
| H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (St. John's)      | 18 | 3  | 15 |    |    |     |
| Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recrelo "A")   | 15 | 1  | 14 |    |    |     |
| P. K. Hui and Miss Uhong Khoo (University)       | 21 | 7  | 14 |    |    |     |
| K. L. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo (University)      | 15 | 2  | 13 |    |    |     |
| H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recrelo "B") | 18 | 8  | 10 |    |    |     |
| Miss M. Ribeiro and L. A. Carver (Recrelo "A")   | 12 | 3  | 9  |    |    |     |
| P. S. Bun and Miss J. Hung (University)          | 15 | 7  | 8  |    |    |     |
| N. Baitao and Miss S. Remedios (Recrelo "B")     | 12 | 5  | 7  |    |    |     |

FOOTBALL  
NOTES

(Continued from Page 24)

Good Games During  
The Close Season

If arrangements can be made we shall still witness some good games during the close season. Manila are due to pass through the Colony at the end of the month and will, if time permits, play a game here.

The Singapore Chinese are also visiting Manila in May and will probably visit Hong Kong.

Another game which Eastern hope to arrange after their return from Manila is a Colony side against Shanghai Chinese at present in the Colony. The Northerners should have a good side as they will have the services of a number of Shanghai League players who are now in Manila with Eastern.

## Home Soccer

London, To-day.

In a football match played in the South "D" Section of the English Regional Leagues, to-day, Clapton Orient beat Bournemouth by 2 goals to nil. — Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

TSUI WAI-PUI  
TO PLAY  
PANG OI-LAM

The Colony champion, Tsui Wai-pui, will be seen in action at H.K.C.C. this afternoon. He will be opposed to Pang Oi-lam, the promising C.R.C. player.

Following is the programme:—

## OPEN SINGLES

Pang Oi-lam v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

## HANDICAP DOUBLES

V. R. Gordon and H. J. Armstrong, —15 v. R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd, —3.6 (2); A. Lade and G. W. Sewell, —5.6 v. W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell, Scr. (3).

## HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde, —30 or R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley, —3.6 v. H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lammert, —2.6 (4).

GOLF STARTING  
TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning.

## TO-MORROW

## Old Course

2.16 p.m. Commodore McGrigor, Lt. Cdr. Matheson.

2.20 .. J. A. D. Morrison, P. S. Cassidy.

## SUNDAY

## Old Course

9.16 a.m. J. Linaker, J. B. Harrison.

9.20 .. G. C. Worrall, M. Pollock.

9.24 .. J. T. Smith, F. D. Hunter.

9.28 .. T. A. Pearce, O. E. C. Marton.

9.32 .. D. H. Clark, F. A. M. Elliott.

9.36 .. J. W. Mayhew, J. M. Pearson.

9.40 .. Surg. Cdr. Nicholson, L. R. Andrews.

9.44 .. E. T. McMullen, R. G. Parker.

9.48 .. D. Humphreys, M. G. Carruthers.

9.52 .. T. Megarry, D. M. MacDougall.

9.56 .. Brig. McLeod, S. H. Dodwell.

10.00 .. G. W. Reeve, D. M. Richards.

10.04 .. A. N. and Q. A. Macfadyen.

10.08 .. A. J. Dennis, P. E. Annis.

10.12 .. M. D. Cooper, J. W. Clague.

10.16 .. R. Young, A. B. Purves.

10.20 .. G. M. Park, S. L. Lloyd.

10.24 .. A. H. McBride, L. Jackson.

10.28 .. I. Newton, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.

10.32 .. H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

10.36 .. A. Mack, D. Allen.

10.40 .. R. B. Mace, J. P. Murphy.

10.44 .. J. W. Anderson, R. M. King.

10.48 .. A. S. Allison, G. Thomerson.

10.52 .. W. Hewitt, W. Sharp.

10.56 .. E. G. Price, F. A. Redmond.

11.00 .. J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.

11.04 .. T. E. Pearce, J. C. Taylor.

11.08 .. G. G. Aitkenhead, R. C. Gairdner.

11.12 .. H. J. D. Lowe, K. A. Mills.

11.16 .. F. Groves, W. G. Robertson.

## New Course

9.20 a.m. Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Hillier.

9.24 .. S. T. Butlin, N. K. Littlejohn.

9.28 .. A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.

10.00 .. L. M. S. Lloyd, H. F. Phillips.

10.32 .. Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

10.36 .. Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Mrs. Steele Perkins.

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1.03 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.  
The Fiddler's At The Forge (Ives); Penny In The Slot (Ashworth-Hope); The Knave of Diamonds (Steele); Love In Idleness—Serenata (MacBeth); Later On (Grimshaw).  
1.18 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.  
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trots—Don't forget the Old Folks at Home; The House with the Little Green Tiles; I Can't Dance.  
Comedy Waltz—The Man on the Flying Trapeze.  
Fox-Trot—Madam Ah! La Marquise Ah!  
Quickstep—I Like Bananas.  
Fox-Trots—The Masquerade is over; The Birthday of the Little Princess.  
Waltz—The Shabby old Cabby.  
Fox-Trot—A New Moon and an Old Serenade.

Sergel Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).  
8.50 p.m.—Schubert Songs.  
Aufenthalt . . . . Alexander Kipni (Bass) with Frank Bibb at the Piano.  
Fisher-Ways, Op. 96, No. 4; Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel, Op. 2 . . . Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.  
9.00 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.  
Souvenir (Drda, arr. Willoughby); Phantom Minuet (Hope); Narcissus (Nevin); Valse Bluetie—Al de Ballet (Drigo); Silver Thread Among the Gold (Danks, arr. Willoughby).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs" by Vernon Bartlett.  
9.45 p.m.—New Variety.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.  
6.00 p.m.—Dvorak—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 53. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire conducted by Georges Enesco.  
6.32 p.m.—Beethoven—Variations in E Flat Major ("Eroica"), Op. 35. Lilli Kraus (Piano).  
6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 p.m.—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone), Nan Maryska (Soprano) and Light Orchestras.  
"Caliph of Bagdad"—Overture (Boieldieu) . . . Berlin State Opera Orchestra.  
Even Bravest Heart ("Faust"—Gounod) . . . Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.  
Minuet (Boccherini, arr. Goehr); Madrigale (Simonetti) . . . New Mayfair String Orchestra.  
My Lovely Celia (Monro, arr. Lane Wilson); The Lass with the Delicate Air (Michael Arne) . . . Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.  
Stephanie—Gavotte (Czibulka); The Way to The Heart—Gavotte (Lincke) . . . Willy Steiner & His Saloon Orchestra.

Vocal—All Through A Glass of Champagne (Cochran's Show "Lights Up"); Please Leave Me Butter Alone (Mills-Nicholls) . . . Arthur Askey with Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—If A Grey-Haired Lady Says "How's Yer Father?"; We'll Meet Again . . . Jay Wilbur and His Band.  
Vocal—Dear Old Southland (Creamer-Layton); Nothin' (Carpenter Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orch. & Organ—In The Shadow (Herman Finck); Valse September (Godin, arr. Lotter) . . . Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra London, with Al Bollington at the Organ.  
Vocal—The Only One Who's Difficult Is You (film "Band Wagon") . . . Heaven Will Be Heavenly (film "Band Wagon") . . . Pat Kirkwood with Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.  
Quickstep—Nursie! Nursie! Fox-Trot—Somewhere at Sea . . . New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—They Can't Black Out The Moon; Waltz—Roses are Blooming in Loveland . . . New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Melody Make Quickstep—Roadhouse Revel Fox-Trots—Where or When (film "Babes in Arms"); Good Mornin' . . . Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.  
Swing Fox-Trots—Night Glove Stamp It Off . . . Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.  
Quickstep—Oh, Johnny; Fox-Trot—Scatterbrain; Midway Rhythm Quickstep—Darktown Struttin' Ball; Fox-Trot—My Melancholy Baby . . . Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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From the Declarer's viewpoint there are three general types of hands at suit contracts. The first is the establishment by Declarer of some side suit in his hand; the second, the setting up of some long suit in dummy; the third is the ruffing type, wherein Declarer either trumps his losers in dummy or establishes a cross-ruff so as to make each trump separately. Sometimes there is a choice open to Declarer, and it is then that he should determine which type of play offers the best chance for success.

North, Dealer

|       |           |             |                |
|-------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| ♠ K   | ♠ A Q 9   | ♠ A 5 4     | ♠ A Q 10 9 3 2 |
| ♥ 6 2 | ♥ 8 7 5 4 | ♥ 3         | ♥ J 6          |
| ♦ 8 3 | ♦ J 6     | ♦ A 9 7 5 3 | ♦ K J 10 2     |
| ♣ 4   | ♣ J 10 9  | ♣ J 10 8    | ♣ 4            |

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 1♠    | Pass |
| 2NT   | Pass | 3♥    | Pass |
| 4♥    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

West opened a diamond. Dummy played low and East won with the Queen. A trump was returned. South won with the ten, then decided to establish clubs. He led his singleton club and finessed dummy's Queen, whereupon East determined on a desperate manoeuvre. Knowing that once his King was gone, all of dummy's clubs would be good, East innocently allowed the Queen to win the trick. Declarer now got himself all tangled

up. He cashed dummy's Ace of clubs and King of spades, then played two more rounds of trumps, landing in dummy. Next South trumped a club, and was very much flabbergasted when the King failed to drop from West's hand. The final result was that South could win only his nine top tricks.

We should like to point out what an absurdly simple hand this is to play. South should win the first trick with the diamond Ace. Next the club Ace and the two top spades should be cashed, followed by a cross-ruff of all seven trumps. This method would produce eleven tricks with no risk involved.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

|       |            |           |         |
|-------|------------|-----------|---------|
| ♠ x x | ♠ K 10 x x | ♠ Q x x x | ♠ K J x |
|-------|------------|-----------|---------|

The bidding:  
You Miler Burnstone Jacoby  
Pass Pass 2♠ Pass  
(?)

ANSWER: Bid three notrump. This bid shows at least a "trick" but denies a good suit or support for spades. Score 100% for three-notrump, 50% for two-notrump (artificial "bust" response).

QUESTION NO. 382  
Both sides are vulnerable. You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

|     |            |             |            |
|-----|------------|-------------|------------|
| ♠ — | ♠ A 10 x x | ♠ A K x x x | ♠ K Q 10 x |
|-----|------------|-------------|------------|

The bidding:  
Schenken Jacoby Miler You  
Pass Pass 4♠ (7)  
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## JAPAN DETERMINED TO STAY OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Paris, To-day.

"Japan is determined to remain out of the European conflict and concentrate on settlement of the China Incident," the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Renzo Sawada, told the committee for Pacific affairs yesterday.

Mr. Sawada stressed that both General Abo (special envoy to China) and Admiral Yonal (the Premier) are firmly set on a policy of non-intervention in European affairs.—Havas.

## GERMANS IN RETREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.  
Norwegian artillery, with the co-operation of Allied aircraft, has blasted the German forces from their positions in front of Elverum.

The Germans are in retreat. Meantime, in anticipation of an attempt by Germany to attack Norway through Sweden, railways and road bridges from Sweden have been blown up. All possible means of communication are being systematically destroyed.—Havas.

## ANOTHER TRANSPORT BADLY DAMAGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.  
A German troop transport, of about 10,000 tons, badly damaged,

## BRITAIN, GREENLAND AND U.S.A.

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.  
THE PREMIER, MR. MACKENZIE KING, STATED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS IN COMMUNICATION WITH BRITAIN OVER THE SITUATION IN GREENLAND AND ICELAND.

He expected there would be communications on the subject with the United States.

Mr. King said he hoped to have a holiday in Virginia, possibly at the end of the week. He hoped to spend a day or two in Washington and might call on President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State.—Reuter.

## MONROE DOCTRINE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.  
THE SITUATION IN GREENLAND AND ICELAND WAS THE MAIN SUBJECT DISCUSSED BETWEEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND THE DANISH MINISTER, M. KAUFFMAN, SAYS THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEW YORK TIMES."

Authoritative quarters believe it will be necessary to invoke the Monroe Doctrine as regards Greenland, but no official statement has been made on the subject.—Havas.

(The Monroe Doctrine lays it down that no foreign power shall advance its interests within the Western Hemisphere.)

has put into a Swedish port in the Kattegat.—Havas.

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## STAVANGER RAIDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A sustained attack by British aircraft on the German forces in occupation of Stavanger was made last night, according to a report from London.

The attack was pressed home with determination; the aerodrome was bombed and several planes on the ground are believed to have been destroyed.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British machine was lost.—Havas.

## FORGED NOTE CASE

A week's remand was ordered by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning in a case in which two youths were charged with uttering and possession of a forged \$10-note of the Chartered Bank.

They were Li Fat, 19, and Wong Kam-tan, 18.

Mr. M. J. D'Almada Remedios is representing Li Fat.

Bail of \$500 was allowed.

## NEW "GOVERNMENT" IN DENMARK

Berlin, To-day.

The "New Danish Government" has been convened, according to D.N.B., the official Nazi "News" agency, and has issued a notice saying that it has decided to establish order on a basis of the German occupation of Denmark.—Reuter.

## GERMANS OCCUPY BORNHOLM ISLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

A German landing party has occupied the Danish island of Bornholm, controlling the eastern approaches to the Scandinavian straits.—Havas.

London, To-day.

Reports have reached Paris that Holland and Belgium have been faced with new German threats, says the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent there.

It is believed the fate of Denmark and Norway has caused Holland and Belgium to consider whether they can afford to wait for an actual attack before asking for Allied protection; and the German Government is believed to have called on the Belgian and Dutch representatives in Berlin and informed them that any attempt to place themselves under British and French protection will serve as the signal for an immediate lightning attack by the German forces.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A prediction that the war may be intensified on the Western Front shortly was made by a War Ministry spokesman, who revealed that the Germans had placed certain units in "attacking positions."

He said, however, that this might not necessarily herald a general offensive, and that so far they are of a local nature.

He did not say how these concentrations were detected.

Informed quarters believe that the concentrations are drawn up along the Dutch frontier, opposite the Zuider Zee.—Havas.

## ALLIED ARMY FOR NORWAY

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are endeavouring to join the Norwegian forces.

The same circles state the British and Norwegians are in close contact near Bergen.—Reuter.

## Germans Isolated

Stockholm, To-day.

German troops in northern Norway are now isolated and their only communication with "home" is by air.—Reuter.

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